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Government plans to control tobacco as addictive drug

Government is considering controls over the way cigarettes other tobacco products are de, sold, described and adver- d: they "must be subject to the e considerations as other drugs addiction which can be gerous to health", Dr Owen, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, said yesterday. Control machinery was needed analogous to that provided for in the Medicines Act, 1968. The Government would aim to work through voluntary agreements with the industry.

New talks for voluntary pact

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the Government's view uiry was needed to con- he use of tobacco "analo- o that provided for in the ines Act, 1968". Such tion would allow wide ory powers over advertis- nd sponsorship as well as ging, the use of substi- and additives, and reduc- in the yields of tar, nico- nd carbon monoxide.

Medicines Act, for ex- specifically allows gov- nt ministers to ban isements for some pro- They may also impose nt requirements on isement content in for instance, to promote or ensure that adequate ation is given about the the product.

Owen added that although overnment would be pre- to use statutory powers if ary to control advertis- t would aim to work h voluntary agreements he industry.

he said that "there can be no question of banning the sale of a product used by half the adult population". The Government's responsibilities are to introduce safeguards that will minimize the risks to health of smokers who cannot abandon the habit, to ensure that nothing is done to persuade non-smokers, especially young people, to acquire the habit, and to ensure that all possible information relevant to the risk to health is readily available.

New talks are to take place with the tobacco industry, the Medicines Commission and the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health (the Hunter committee) about the plans. Proposals will be put to Parliament in the light of those consultations.

The proposed new control structure would enable government action to be taken after advice from an independent advisory committee after consultation in the industry.

Yesterday's proposals were announced after months of discussion with the tobacco industry had failed to produce a voluntary code completely acceptable to the Department of Health and Social Security. The discussions concerned proposals limiting cigarette advertising and promotion listed by Dr Owen in April.

Conflict with the industry centred on three of six of the requirements. They were that tar yield should be printed on cigarette packets as well as in advertisements; that packets and advertisements should carry a stronger health warning; and that gift coupons should be drastically curtailed. There was outright rejection of a proposal that tobacco manufacturers should pay a levy to finance the Health Education Council's anti-smoking publicity.

The industry says it was prepared to continue discussions on the contentious issues. But in a letter last month to the Tobacco Advisory Committee, which is supported by all the major tobacco manufacturers in the United Kingdom, Dr Owen said he still thought its response inadequate.

Since then the Advertising Standards Authority, which is responsible for voluntary control of all advertising content, has completed the preparation of a new voluntary code, without full government approval. It is due to be published next week.

The tobacco industry generally responded with relief to yesterday's statement. It had been feared that stringent restrictions would be arbitrarily imposed without further consultation.

Sports sponsorship: Mr Howell, minister for sport and recreation, denied yesterday that tobacco companies faced a total ban on sports sponsorship. It was not the Government's intention to ban such sponsorship; he hoped to have talks in the autumn with the tobacco industry to secure a voluntary code of conduct in relation to sponsored events.

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Post Office decides to pull out of CBI

By Maurice Corina

Several nationalized industries are believed to be considering withdrawing from membership of the Confederation of British Industry. I understand that the financially troubled Post Office Corporation, disillusioned by continuing criticisms of nationalized industry from other CBI members, has given Mr Campbell Adamson, the director general, advance notice that it will leave at the end of this year.

The Post Office is the largest single subscriber to the CBI, which has an annual income of more than £2m a year. It is understood that the move is not intended as an economy measure.

The corporation was strongly criticized by its own statutory watchdog, the Post Office Users' National Council, yesterday for the big price rises and service cuts it is seeking in order to avert a £300m deficit for the second year running [report, page 15].

Most CBI members are known to be deeply critical of the Post Office's management policies, which, with higher telephone and postal charges, are adding greatly to the cost of running their own businesses. The criticism has not been confined to the Post Office; other nationalized industries, 16 of which belong to the CBI, have felt increasingly uneasy at recent censure on their huge losses.

The Post Office is said to have decided to resign after an impassioned speech by Mr Richard Marsh, chairman of British Rail, before CBI council members recently. Stung by some strong comment, he apparently defended the affiliation of state industries to Britain's leading industrial organization, which speaks for private enterprise, by declaring that they were just as keen as the private sector to be allowed to make a profit.

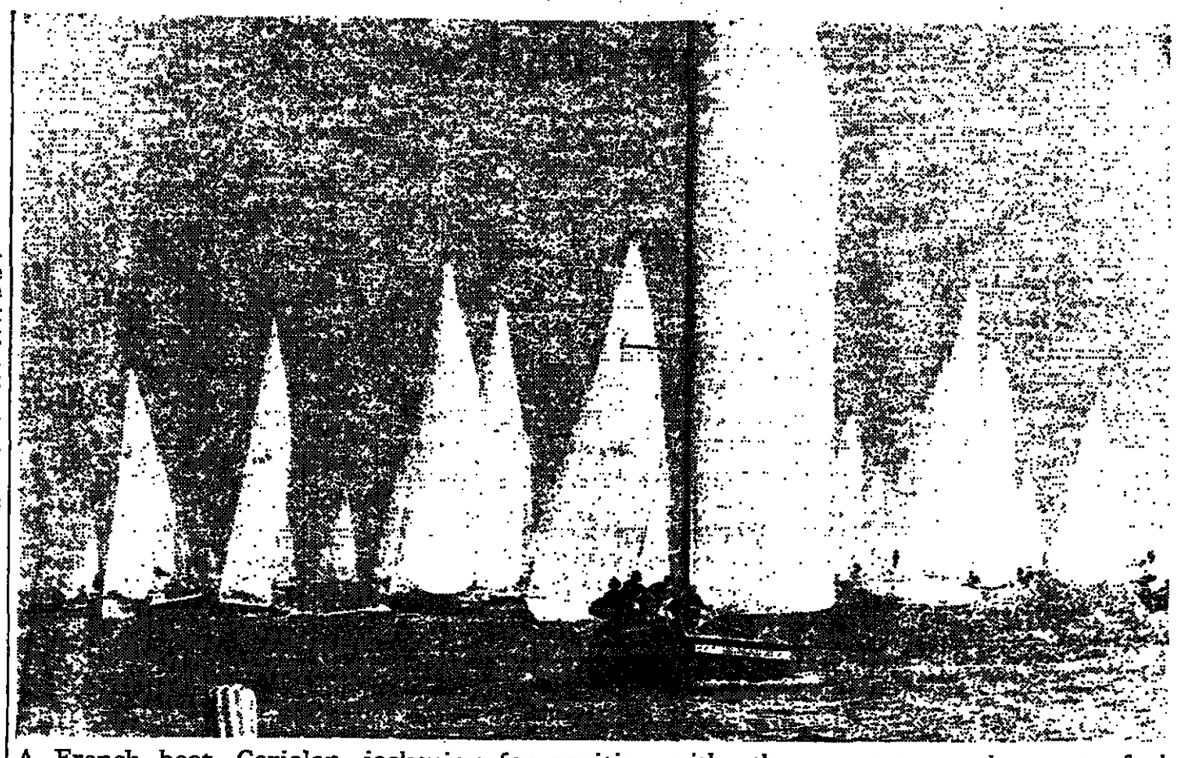
That does not seem to have cooled things, but it remains to be seen whether other state industries will follow the Post Office lead by resigning too. The loss to the CBI of subscription income from the public undertakings would be serious when finances are again under pressure. That would have to be faced by whoever is chosen to succeed Mr Adamson, who will leave the CBI next year.

Nationalized industries were allowed to join the CBI, which was 10 years old last month, in 1969, when the Labour Government and the Privy Council allowed a revision of by-laws under the confederation's royal charter. That enabled state concerns to become associate members and be "by virtue of their special relationship with Government . . . at all times dissociated from pronouncements on questions that might be the subject of political controversy".

Over recent months the heads of the main state-owned industries have set up their own consultative organization to hold regular meetings (they used to lunch together from time to time).

That has taken place outside the aegis of the CBI, and they have made separate representations on various issues direct to the Prime Minister.

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A French boat, Coriolan, jockeying for position with other entrants at the start of the Admiral's Cup inshore race at Cowes yesterday. Report, page 8.

Delhi proposal to make leaders immune from court challenge

Delhi, Aug 5.—Retroactive legislation designed to set aside Mrs Gandhi's conviction on charges of corrupt electoral practices became law tonight, five days before the Indian Supreme Court is due to begin hearing the Prime Minister's appeal.

President Ahmed gave his formal assent to a series of amendments to the electoral laws after the Upper House had approved the legislation unanimously, with Opposition members boycotting the sitting. The Lower House passed the amendments yesterday.

Winding up a brief debate, Mr H. R. Gokhale, the Law Minister, welcomed a suggestion from one member of the ruling Congress Party that some elective offices should be immune from judicial scrutiny.

Mr Gokhale thought that the President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister and the Speaker of the Lower House should definitely be exempt from court challenges.

"To my mind it appears that it is a ridiculous machinery under which they are subjected to judicial scrutiny while they are elected by a vast majority of the people and the electoral colleges which are supposed to elect them and we have learnt this by experience", he said.

The minister, however, did not indicate when or if the Government would introduce legislation barring judicial review of elections of Indian leaders.

"The time has come to have a look at the entire framework of the constitution. The process has to start sooner or later", Mr Gokhale said.

Government legal experts have been reported to be studying several constitutions, including those of the United States, France, Yugoslavia, Tanzania and Bangladesh.

The exercise, parliamentary sources said, has been undertaken to bring about radical constitutional changes that would ensure India's rapid economic development and enhance the power of the executive.

The sources said certain fundamental rights now enshrined in the constitution, such as freedom of speech and political association and rights to property, might be restricted. A special session of parliament is likely to be called in October or even earlier to approve the constitutional changes, the sources said.

During the debate today, Mr Gokhale indirectly criticized the judge of the Allahabad High Court who found Mrs Gandhi guilty of illegally using Government officials to help her 1971 parliamentary campaign — offences that are no longer offences under the new amendments.

He said it was ridiculous that the nation's undisputed leader should be disqualified by a single individual, however highly placed.

Mrs Gandhi, defending her introduction of emergency rule, said: "Today we are very much in the bad books of most Western countries. Their press especially has been criticizing us."

She continued: "Because we have the emergency it does not mean that we have given up democracy or that we consider democracy unsuitable to India. But there were faults in our democracy and those faults had to be removed."—AP and UPI.

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Jail murder charge is dismissed

Raleigh, North Carolina, Aug 6.—A judge today dismissed first degree murder charges against a 21-year-old black woman, charged with stabbing to death a white jailer. She had claimed she was resisting rape.

Joan Little was charged with the premeditated murder with an ice-pick of a white jailer, Clarence Alligood, aged 62, in 1974 while she was in prison for breaking and entering.

Judge Hamilton Hobgood ruled that there was insufficient evidence to support a charge of premeditated murder, which carries an automatic death penalty in North Carolina.

Earlier, the prosecution ended its case, after eight days of testimony from 18 witnesses. The prosecution suggested that the jailer's body and the murder weapon may have been rearranged after the killing.

The last prosecution witness, Mr William Pearce, a forensic chemist, testified about alleged discrepancies in the number and location of holes on the jailer's shirt and vest and puncture wounds in the body.—Reuter.

Mr Benn silences his Court Line critics

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

Westminster.

With the wolves howling at his heels, Mr Wedgwood Benn scored an impressive victory in the Commons last night over the critics of his handling of the Court Line affair last year. His defence of his actions and the Government's refusal to accept the criticisms of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) was approved by 180 votes to 156, a Government majority of 24.

With the Prime Minister and many senior Cabinet colleagues present, Mr Benn rejected the theory produced in a report by Department of Trade inspectors that a guarantee could be either legal or colloquial, and that his statement to the Commons, alleged to have been a guarantee of the holiday firm's survival, had been taken as the latter.

No minister or government, he said, could accept the concept that a colloquial guarantee could exist between a government and a company as contended in the report.

If the Court Line affair blurred the difference between a situation in which a government tried to help without commitments and one in which it gave a full guarantee, the relationship between government and industry would change.

Future ministers would be frightened to try to help companies that came to them for financial aid, and would have only two courses: either to allow bankruptcy or to make a full guarantee.

It became clear during the debate that the Conservatives were mitigating their attack on Mr Benn, and were accepting that he had had to make an extremely difficult decision, although they still thought he was wrong not to apologize and to accept criticism.

Earlier the Prime Minister rejected charges that he had withheld documents from the Ombudsman that the latter had a right to expect, in order to protect himself and other ministers. In fact, he pointed out, the Secretary of the Cabinet, with his approval, had not withheld drafts of Cabinet committee papers, which on a strict interpretation of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act could have remained secret.

Mr Wilson said the Government accepted full responsibility for what had happened over Court Line, but he had felt it right to make a statement before the debate because of totally tendentious statements in the press. Mrs Thatcher accepted his account of the legal position.

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Marines sent to Oporto 'to combat anarchy'

From Michael Knipe
Oporto, Aug 6

The Portuguese military Government today sent to Oporto a 140-strong company of Marines—generally regarded as being strongly pro-communist—to combat what military sources described as anarchy prevailing in the north.

And tonight, in a clear reaction to anti-communist violence over the past two weeks, groups supporting the Armed Forces Movement organized a mass rally in this city.

Leaflets were distributed calling on people to demonstrate their solidarity with the forces of the revolution. They claimed that there was "a real danger of a fascist conspiracy attempting to drown our revolution in blood, and bring fascism back to Portugal".

The leaflets were attributed simply to "The Executive Committee". They were believed locally to have been produced by a residents' council in Gondomar, a district of Oporto, but are plainly the work of the Communist Party and its sympathizers. The rally was given widespread advance publicity and 250 organizations including citizens' groups and workers' committees were expected to take part.

The leaflets said that reaction had not passed and would not pass. They urged the public to defend democracy and to defeat reaction. Ending with a series of slogans they declared: "Down with terrorists, punish the fascists, oppose reaction, and support popular unity."

In the past week 12 Communist Party offices in the predominantly conservative north have been ransacked by mobs, three have suffered petrol bomb attacks, and five have been besieged.

In Famalicao, 15 miles north of here, crowds were still gathered today round the abandoned Communist Party headquarters, which was ransacked yesterday.

The 50 or 60 active communists in the 10,000-strong community have fled. If they dared to return, said one youth grimly, they would be killed.

In Lisbon today General Vasco Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, continued his efforts to form a Cabinet.

Print unions' ultimatum to 'Observer'

By Our Labour Staff

The management of *The Observer* was warned yesterday that if it refuses to engage printing workers who arrive for the Saturday night shift the paper will not appear on Sunday.

Redundancy notices have been sent to about three tenths of the 700 employees after a failure to reach voluntary agreement with the printing unions on proposals for reducing the work force.

Mr William Keys, general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), said yesterday that it had agreed to reduce its representation on the paper by 80 men in response to a management call for 100.

Sogat knew of the serious situation and had acted responsibly.

The other two main unions involved, the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) and the National Graphical Association, are also resisting the number of redundancies requested. Members of the Natsopa machine room office branch have decided not to produce the paper if there is any attempt to reduce manning.

The National Union of Journalists yesterday suspended a one-day strike in provincial newspapers planned for today in support of journalists employed by the *Birmingham Post and Mail*.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service had intervened in the dispute between the management and 200 NUJ members over pay and conditions.

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Hugh Mabbett
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day morning

Abdul Razak, the Mal- Prime Minister, said last that a Japan Airlines air- carrying 10 Japanese ter- would take off at 8 am for Libya. Two Malaysian o Japanese officials would pany them as hostages, he

15 hostages which a party orists brought to the air- om the American embassy be released. The terrorists se five, including a , who seized the Ameri- bassy in Kuala Lumpur days ago, and five more t from Tokyo as their for beginning to release than 50 hostages held r in the embassy.

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otiations during the even- entred on reducing the r of hostages, on the size aircraft crew and on r or not the terrorists retain their arms. It seems ere able to do so.

r departure will not en- nd the story. For a start, ns will be asked about he terrorists got their to Malaysia. Tighter con- f foreign visitors is ed.

15 hostages taken to the included Mr Robert s, the American Consul, edrick Bergenstahle, the h Chargé d'Affaires, and rald Lancaster, of Hous- Texas, whose Australian in three young sons were the nine people released esterday.

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ntal patients ape while coach outing

male patients from Moss top security mental l, near Liverpool, dis- ed while on a coach trip Ingleton area of North ure yesterday.

h Yorkshire police said ght that three of them seen at Ingleton Falls lay afternoon. The was alone in Ingleton 4.30 pm.

h bail refused

John Stonehouse, MP, was bail for the fifth time lay after a 30-minute in chambers by Mr Chapman.

New plan for industrial strategy

The Treasury and the Department of Industry have started work on a new strategy for industry, Mr Healey and Mr Varley, the two ministers involved, announced at yesterday's Neddy Council meeting. The plan will be unveiled at the next Neddy meeting in October and completed after detailed discussion between both sides of industry Page 15

Sterling at new low against the dollar

Sterling fell to another all-time low against the dollar yesterday. It closed at $2.1275, down from $2.1415 on Tuesday's close and more than 4 cents down compared to last Wednesday. But selling pressure was not heavy. Dealers said that the market was thin and price movements tended to be exaggerated Page 15

BAOR warning

General Sir Harry Tuzo, Commander-in-chief, BAOR, told visiting MPs that the British Army was in danger of losing its professionalism and skill. The MPs urge high priority for training in view of the growing might of Warsaw Pact forces Page 3



Rhodesia talks: Bishop Muzorewa, President of the African National Council, arrives at the Foreign Office for talks with Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office Page 4

Leyland plan approved

British Leyland shop stewards yesterday approved the management's proposals for implementing the Ryder Committee recommendations on worker participation. These included investment, new model and facility planning, sales and marketing plans and financial performance Page 15

Munich pilot dies

Captain James Thain, the pilot in the Munich airliner disaster in 1958 in which eight Manchester United footballers were killed, has died Obituary, page 14

2,500 Scottish steel jobs saved

The Government yesterday reprieved the jobs of 2,500 Scottish steelworkers and brought an immediate warning from Sir Monty Finniston, the British Steel Corporation chairman, that "our competitive position cannot be improved so long as we are carrying too many men and if we do not have modern equipment." Page 15

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HOME NEWS

Government will tighten rules on certifying cause of death and reform law on coroners' duties

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The procedure for certifying the cause of death is to be tightened in England and Wales after the Government's acceptance in principle of the Brodrick committee's recommendations on the subject.

At present a doctor may give a certificate if he has attended a person during his last illness and either seen him within 14 days of death or the body after death. The committee recommended in 1971 that a certificate should be issued only by a doctor who had attended the person within seven days of death and had viewed the body.

If the death cannot be certified in the new way recommended by the Brodrick committee it will be reported to a coroner. The Government's acceptance in principle of the recommendations was announced yesterday by Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, in a parliamentary written reply. He said the Government also proposed to introduce a new certification procedure for cremation and to modernize the law on coroners' responsibilities.

The present law on cremations, which seeks to prevent the concealment of crime, has remained virtually unchanged since 1903. A medical certificate has to be completed by the deceased person's doctor and a confirmatory medical certificate by an independent doctor. Authority to cremate can then be issued by a third doctor holding the office of medical referee at the crematorium.

Under the Government's proposals the office of medical referee will be abolished. Instead, the certificate of the medical cause of death given by the doctor who last attended the deceased person would be supplemented by a second certificate given by an independent doctor drawn from a panel appointed by the cremation authority with the approval of the Home Secretary. The procedure will not apply to deaths in hospital.

The Brodrick committee, which also considered the law and practice relating to coroners and coroners' courts, recommended abolition of the duty of a coroner's jury to name an individual as guilty of murder, manslaughter or infanticide. The Government's acceptance was announced on July 7. The coroner's duty to commit a named person for trial in such cases will be abolished also.

The Government also accepts the committee's recommendation that, except in cases of homicide, deaths of persons in legal custody and of persons whose bodies are unidentified, a coroner should have complete discretion whether to hold an inquest and to sit with a jury only when he thinks there are special reasons for having one.

At present an inquest has to be held on every violent unnatural or sudden death when the cause is unknown, unless in the case of sudden death of unknown cause an autopsy shows the death to have been natural. A jury is mandatory in certain cases.

Mr Jenkins in his reply said that the Government's decisions left several detailed issues to be discussed. He proposed to open talks with the various bodies concerned and to consider what procedural reforms might be achieved, in advance of legislation, through the use of existing statutory powers.

He said the Government was not disposed to accept the recommendations that the coroners' service should become a central government service with coroners appointed by the Lord Chancellor; that appointment should be restricted to persons with legal qualifications; and that pathology services for coroners and for the police should be part of the National Health Service.

Safeguards valuable: The British Medical Association, which initiated the Brodrick study by suggesting that the law was allowing murders to go undetected, later expressed surprise that the Government substantially accepted the proposals that the extremely valuable cremation safeguards should be abolished (the Press Association reports).

The committee was established in 1965 under the chairmanship of Judge N. J. L. Brodrick, QC, and reported in 1971 (*Death Certification and Coroners*, Cmnd 4810, Stationery Office, £2.35).

Traders told to keep the customer informed

By Hugh Clayton

Measures that will compel many shopkeepers to increase the information they give to consumers were announced yesterday by Mr MacLennan, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

He explained how the Government will gradually enforce the consumer advice scheme described in its White Paper, *The Attack on Inflation*. He said some traders were reluctant to cooperate.

An order laid yesterday obliges greengrocers to mark prices of all fruit and vegetables. Provision has been made for shopkeepers to price produce individually instead of by weight.

A future order on meat will oblige butchers to display the price by weight for cuts. Some shops mark joints only with the price of the whole joint. The Government wants to enable shoppers to decide whether, pound for pound, one cut of meat offers better value.

Because of regional differences in butchery methods the Government is to operate a pilot scheme for meat in selected shops in 15 areas including Surrey, West Yorkshire, Clwyd, Strathclyde and the London borough of Lambeth.

Mr MacLennan said publicans would soon be made to display lists of all their prices except those of the most exotic and obscure mixtures. "During the next six months I hope to lay orders which will result in the extension of unit pricing to prepacked frozen fish, to certain popular cheese and to prepacked milk sold from vending machines."

Makers of biscuits and chocolate bars would soon have to sell them only in weights authorized by the Government. They can now be sold in any size the maker wants, so that the consumer cannot easily compare the values, say, of a bar of chocolate at 9p and a similar bar at 10p.



Tom Hamilton, aged 17 (left), being inspected before acting as regimental sergeant-major at a passing-out parade of Junior Leaders at Bovington Camp, Dorset, yesterday.

Code to cut risk of experiments in genetics

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Government is preparing regulations to prevent experimental work in genetics from becoming a public health hazard through the creation of new strains of virulent viruses and bacteria against which there may be no antidote.

In a parliamentary answer yesterday Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said a working party was being appointed to draw up a code of practice.

Proposals for an advisory service for laboratories intending to carry out genetic manipulation have been requested from the group of experts.

The decision to introduce measures for this developing area of research comes after a report by Lord Ashby on the potential benefits and potential hazards of genetic manipulation, or transfer of genetic material between micro-organisms to create new strains.

The study concluded that subject to rigorous safeguards those techniques should continue to be used because of the great benefits they might lead to.

AUEW moderate wins election

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

Moderates in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' engineering section claimed a victory over the left yesterday after Mr Graham Healy had been reelected president of the union's Merthyr district. He was elected at a branch meeting, not by postal vote.

Mr Healy gained 542 votes in the three-cornered fight. Mr Arthur Jones, a former communist councillor, came second with 209 votes, and Mr John Lewis received 54 votes.

Earlier this year Mr Healy was at the centre of a dispute over his right to sit on divisional and national committees. It reached the High Court after Mr Jones had written to the national executive pointing out that as Mr Healy had not stood for reelection in January he was not eligible to sit on committees.

Mr Healy, who works at the British Steel Corporation's plant at Ebbw Vale, said yesterday: "I regard this as a defeat for the communists and I am very pleased about it."

Mr Healy said that as only 8 per cent of the district's 10,000 members had voted the need for postal ballots had been underlined. "Postal ballots did not apply to elections for district officers, but now that I am president again I shall be using my influence to try to make them more commonplace. People cannot be influenced in their own home."

After Mr Jones's allegation that the divisional committee was not properly constituted, Mr Healy and two other Welsh delegates were disqualified from voting on the casting vote of Mr Hugh Scanlon, the union's president.

In the High Court action that followed, Mr Justice Walton granted an injunction preventing the union's conference at Hastings from starting without the Welsh delegates.

The judge ruled that under the union's constitution Mr Healy was still president of the Merthyr district until such reasonable time as he could be reelected.

Arsenic levels in food to be reviewed

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

An examination of the amount of arsenic allowed in food was ordered yesterday by the Ministry of Agriculture. At the same time a unit of the Government's Agricultural Research Council reported a decline in the radioactivity of British milk resulting from nuclear explosions.

Officials said that Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, and his colleagues in the departments for Scotland and Northern Ireland, had asked for a review of the regulations governing permissible quantities of arsenic in food.

It is now an offence to sell food containing more than one part in a million of arsenic. Exceptions include brewers' yeasts, which can contain up to five parts. Iron powder, used in flour to replace the natural iron lost when the husk is removed in milling, can contain up to 1 0parts in a million.

Scientists of the research council's Letcombe Laboratory, Oxfordshire, reported yesterday that contamination of milk with strontium 90 was about a fifth lower in 1974 than in the previous year.

Peers threatening to obstruct new Bills

By Penny Symon
Political Staff

The Commons rises for the summer recess today amid accusations that the Government has overloaded the legislative programme, and a threat from the Lords that if it tries to repeat the exercise next session Opposition peers might become obstructive.

The Conservatives say the Government has treated Parliament as a mere instrument of the executive by trying to force through legislation. Conservative peers feel that, while they have been prepared to cooperate this session, the situation must not be repeated.

The Lords have agreed to cut short their recess and assemble on September 22, for a week, to complete the committee stage of the Employment Protection Bill and start the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill. The Community Land Bill will be considered in the spill-over period before the end of this session.

The Opposition has agreed to return for the week because having criticized the shortage of time to examine legislation, it thinks it would be wrong to object when time for such scrutiny was offered. The peers, however, are becoming increasingly concerned that they are being used only as a rubber-stamp.

So far this session 52 Bills have been passed, with 20 more to go, and the Government admits that it has been a heavy and overloaded programme. However, it points out that with two Budgets, the EEC referendum and emergency legislation to tackle inflation that situation is not surprising.

It promises fewer Bills next session, but old parliamentary hands do not place much faith in that assurance. They point out that the average number of Bills passed each session exceeds 60 and there is not much reason to think that next session will be different.

But criticism of the Government's handling of its business has had some effect. One of the first actions to be taken in the next session is the establishment of a committee of MPs, possibly including outside experts, who will scrutinize how Parliament arranges its business and does its work.

Devolution will be one of the first topics to be discussed in the new session, with a White Paper due in autumn. The Government hopes to produce the Bill by the end of this year or early next.

The Bill to nationalize the shipbuilding and aircraft industries will be considered next session, and there will also be legislation to develop the National Giro service.

The vexed question of the Clay Cross councillors will have to be considered again in view of the Government's defeat in the Commons last Monday, when it attempted to overturn one of the Lords amendments to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.

New era for Glasgow as an opera centre

From Our Correspondent
Glasgow

The Scottish Opera's new home, the restored Theatre Royal, Glasgow, the original studios of Scottish Television, will open a day ahead of schedule, on October 14, it was announced in Glasgow yesterday.

So far 36,500 seats have been sold for the 40 performances under the subscription scheme. Four additional matinées will meet ticket demand.

Mr Alexander Gibson, the artistic director, who will conduct the opening performance, said they should not forget that they were still £800,000 short of their £3m aim.

Mr Gavin Boyd, chairman of Scottish Opera Theatre Royal, said the appeal brought more than £1m from commerce and industry, with a similar government grant to permit purchase of the theatre. A further £200,000 came from private sources.

Professor Robin Orr, chairman of Scottish Opera, said seven national companies would occupy the theatre from March 1 to May 30 after the winter season and more were booked for September, 1976.

Drug charge

Three men were accused at Reading yesterday of attempting to smuggle 55 kilos of cannabis into Britain. Alan Medhurst, aged 32, Maitland Road, Reading; John Schmidt, aged 28, Petworth Court, Reading; and Patrick Davies, aged 35, Moulton St Mary, Norfolk, were remanded in custody

Options on tied cottages to be published today

By David Leigh

The Government's long-awaited thoughts on how to abolish tied agricultural cottages will be published today as a joint consultative document by the two ministries involved. The options it is expected to consider include full Rent Act protection, some form of registration of farm cottages, and "social management" scheme under which local authorities would lease and manage farm cottages.

Despite strong opposition from farmers' organizations, which fear that security of tenure will disrupt farming, it is clear that the Government will not be diverted from making a big reform. The publication of the consultative proposals has been delayed but ministers have promised that legislation will be drafted in time for the next session of Parliament, beginning in November.

The document, about which the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers has been consulted during the past six months, is expected to emphasize the Government's need to keep down inflation and maintain home food production. None the less, the various schemes that have been mooted—by the union, by Labour farmers, and by Shelter, the housing charity—would all cost farmers or local authorities more.

The union has advocated a straightforward extension of security of tenure under the Rent Act to "farmworkers' cottages. At present tied cottage occupants can be evicted if they leave or lose their jobs, and alternative rural council housing is scarce.

The Rent Act would have to be modified to exclude the provision allowing eviction when a house is needed for an incoming worker.

That would mean that farmers could evict only if suitable alternative accommodation was available.

A second scheme, which is being taken seriously, is the registration of tied cottages with the local authority. Farmers would have to keep them in good repair, and some classes of essential worker could be kept in tied cottages with a guarantee of eventual rehousing by the local authority.

Effort to humanize role of council housing managers

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A housing management adviser is to be appointed shortly to the Department of the Environment in the first of several moves to humanize the role of council housing managers. Making the announcement in a Commons written answer last night, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, said he was considering setting up a housing management advisory group.

"Local authorities and housing associations should adopt forward-looking management policies and practices which are sensitive to the changing pattern of housing needs."

He had been reassured in recent discussions that those needs were recognized by local authority associations and other interested bodies. They had expressed a strong desire for greater involvement by the department in its advisory role.

Mr Crosland said he was examining proposals for a small housing management advisory group to give advice on the practical implications of present housing policies and the promotion of good practice. The initial task of the adviser would be to make recommendations on the organization needed.

The moves indicate a recognition that council housing managers can no longer be concerned mainly with ensuring that rents are paid and the housing stock is maintained in a reasonable condition. Housing authorities, particularly in large cities and towns, are dealing more and more with housing stress areas and are taking over responsibility for homeless people.

There is a growing feeling that training should emphasize the social, as well as the management, difficulties involved. Plan to thwart squatters: A plan to discourage squatters from moving into empty homes in London by ensuring that they cannot obtain gas, electricity or water supplies will be discussed at a meeting on August 14 (a Staff Reporter writes).

The Greater London Council said yesterday that it would discuss with the local gas, electricity and water authorities the possibility of connecting up the services only when legitimate occupancy of the GLC house or flat could be proved.

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Two men drown in sea tragedies

Mr David Worley, aged 33, of Leabrooke Road, Dronfield Woodhouse, Sheffield, was drowned while swimming at Barmston, near Bridlington, yesterday.

Another man, Mr William Copstick, aged 70, of Dale, Pembrokeshire, was drowned yesterday trying to refloat his yacht after it had been swept ashore near Milford Haven.

Soldier murder charge

A soldier was charged last night with the murder of Gunner David Lewis, aged 18, in Sunderland, whose body was found in a rose garden at Richmond, Yorkshire, on Monday.

Unknown republican group claims 33 killings

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday released seven more detainees from the Maze prison at Long Kesh. Despite the vocal opposition of the "loyalists" he has freed well over half the detainees since the start of the Provisional IRA's ceasefire last Christmas; 240 remain in detention.

The security forces in Northern Ireland expressed mystification yesterday at the appearance of a new but unknown terrorist group proclaiming itself the People's Republican Army. It claims to have killed 33 Protestants—30 civilians and three RUC men—since January.

A man calling himself Lieutenant Sean Blake telephoned to Radio Telefis Eireann late on Tuesday to give warning that the organization would seek retribution for the attack by the Ulster Volunteer Force on the Miami Showband last week. He said the organization had 10 units composed of former members of the official and Provisional wings of the IRA and that they were prepared to attack UVF men's families.

None of the crimes listed by the group has ever been acknowledged by anyone else, but the RUC has charged two Protestants with one of the deaths claimed by Lieutenant Blake.

Furthermore the security forces are positive that a group calling itself the People's Liberation Army, which embraces the politics of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, were responsible for the murder of two RUC men claimed by Lieutenant Blake.

The People's Republican Army emphasized that it had no connexion with the IRSP, which broke from the official IRA last year. However, the People's Liberation Army is known to have drawn members from militant sections of both main wings of the IRA. The party has always denied that it possesses a military wing, but on the same day that Lieutenant Blake made his telephone call the Northern Ireland Office said publicly for the first time that violent crimes had been committed by men connected with the IRSP.

Wanted man question: Mr James Kilfedder, Ulster Unionist MP for Down North, last night tabled a question to Mr Rees asking why no attempt was made to arrest Martin McGuinness, a Provisional IRA leader, when he was walking in Bogside, Londonderry, and standing outside a Provisional IRA centre (the Press Association reports).

Lucan bankruptcy hearing next month

By a Staff Reporter

An application to declare Lord Lucan bankrupt is to go to the courts next month. At a meeting yesterday between his creditors and the official receiver, his debts were assessed at £45,000 and his assets at £22,636.

The biggest creditor of the seventh earl, who is wanted by the police in connexion with the murder of Mrs Sandra Rivett, his children's nursemaid, is Ladup Ltd, associated with Ladbroke Casinos Ltd. It is claiming £11,800 for five unmet cheques paid for gambling chips.

Lloyds Bank Ltd is claiming £5,091 and Coutts and Company the bankers £3,068 to cover overdrafts. A preferential debt of £1,326, is being claimed by the Inland Revenue as part of an overall debt of £1,880.

Other debts disclosed in the offices of the Senior Official Receiver in the Strand, London, included £952.80p to Burwater and Company for payments owing on the purchase of a Mercedes car and £600 owing to HW Motors for car repairs and servicing.

Other debts included £1,037 to Mr Henry Brahm, his landlord; and £163 to Boss and Co, his gunsmiths. On top of that there were outstanding bills from Harrods for £66, from the North Thames Gas Board for £369, from Twickenham Travel Ltd for £183 for air tickets to Munich in June 1974 and from Cartier Ltd for £9 for a black crocodile watch strap.

A claim of £227 from Cooling, Lawrence and Wells, for repairing and cleaning Lord Lucan's coronation robes and coronet was withdrawn. The company decided instead to keep the robes, which had cost £2,000 to buy.

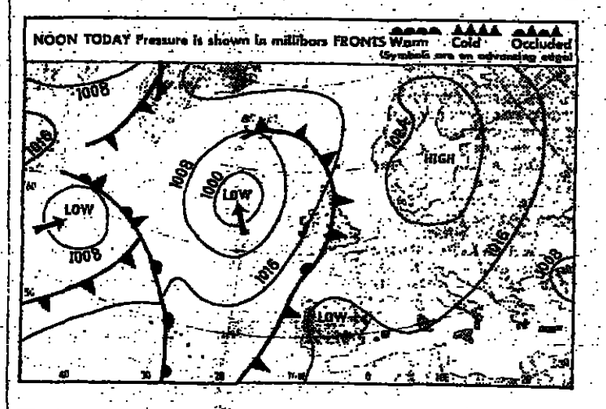
Details of other debts had not been submitted but the official receiver was expecting claims from Lady Lucan and the Dowager Lady Lucan, his mother; a claim of about £7,000 from the Official Solicitor for the costs of the wardship action over his children; and claims of about £11,000 for personal debts.

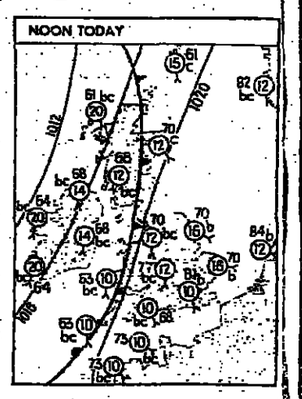
Mr Derek Thorne, the official receiver, said Lord Lucan derived an annual income of £7,000 from family settlements. The largest part of his remaining assets were £15,000 from the sale of his silver plate at Christie's and a surplus of £6,900 from a life policy.

There were family estates in the Republic of Ireland and Surrey but it was not yet known whether they would go to his estate in bankruptcy. There were also bank accounts in Rhodesia and Switzerland, Mr Thorne added.

Mr Denis Gilson, of D. R. Gilson and Co, chartered accountants, was nominated as trustee. The public examination of Lord Lucan's finances has been set for November 20. If he does not appear a warrant will be issued for his arrest.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.32 am. Sun sets: 8.40 pm
Moon rises: 5.37 am. Moon sets: 8.9 pm
New Moon: 12.57 pm.
Lighting up: 9.10 pm to 5.4 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.9 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 2.33 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Avonmouth, 7.55 am, 13.1m (43.1ft); 8.14 pm, 13.6m (44.5ft). Dover, 11.41 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 11.59 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft). Hull, 6.34 am, 7.3m (23.8ft); 7.11 pm, 7.3m (23.8ft). Liverpool, 11.53 am, 9.3m (30.4ft).

Pressure will remain low to W of British Isles and high to E.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia: Dry and sunny; wind light, variable; max temp 30°C (86°F).

Central S and N England, Midlands, Channel Isles: Probably dry, long sunny periods; wind light, S; max temp 28°C (82°F).

E, NE England: Mostly dry, sunny periods, but sea fog patches near coasts; wind SE, light; max temp 26°C (77°F) cooler near coasts.

SW, NW England, Lake District, Wales: Variable cloud, sunny spells, scattered showers; wind S, moderate; max temp 25°C (77°F) but cooler near coasts.

Isle of Man, SW, and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Variable cloud, sunny spells, occasional showers; wind S, moderate; max temp 20°C (68°F).

Outlook: Mostly very warm, but hot or very hot in SE; sunny generally, but outbreaks of thundery rain in S probably later on Friday will spread to many areas on Saturday.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea smooth.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 29°C (84°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 19°C (66°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 39 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 13hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,021.3 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, Aug 6

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarboro	10.7	—	27	81	Sunny
Bridlington	9.6	—	27	81	Sunny
Gorleston	10.2	—	25	77	Sunny
Clacton	11.0	—	25	77	Sunny
Margate	11.0	—	25	77	Sunny
S COAST					
Hastings	13.5	—	27	81	Sunny
Eastbourne	13.4	—	27	81	Sunny
Brighton	12.1	—	25	77	Sunny
Worthing	11.8	—	25	77	Sunny
Bognor R	13.5	—	25	77	Sunny
Southsea	13.5	—	25	77	Sunny
Sandown	14.1	—	25	77	Sunny
Bournemth	10.8	—	25	77	Sunny
Exmouth	11.5	—	25	77	Sunny
Torquay	10.1	—	25	77	Sunny
Falmouth	1.8	.10	20	68	Showers
W COAST					
Morecambe	2.7	—	27	81	Sun ints
Blackpool	3.0	.04	27	81	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	5.3	—	23	73	Sun pds
Newquay	1.3	—	22	72	Cloudy

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Btr 25; Canaries, Pes 30; Denmark, DKr 2.75; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Frs 2.80; Germany, DMk 2.00; Greece, Dr 25; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 350; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, Btr 2.50 (USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 30.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	31	88	Chicago	f	25	77	L.Palmas	s	29	84
Amsterdam	s	21	70	Cologne	r	21	70	Lisbon	s	28	82
Athens	c	31	88	Copenhagen	s	26	79	Locarno	s	28	82
Barbados	f	30	86	Dublin	r	18	64	London	s	26	79
Barcelona	s	30	86	Edinburgh	c	19	66	Luxemburg	s	28	82
Beirut	s	38	100	Florence	s	32	90	Madrid	s	33	91
Belfast	r	17	63	Funchal	s	25	77	Majorca	s	34	93
Berlin	s	27	81	Geneva	s	26	79	Malaga	s	34	93
Biarritz	s	30	86	Gibraltar	s	30	86	Malta	s	29	84
Birmingham	r	23	73	Guernsey	s	20	68	Manchstr	r	23	73
Bristol	s	23	73	Helsinki	s	20	68	Montreal	c	19	66
Brussels	s	21	70	Innsbruck	s	26	79	Moscow	s	25	77
Budapest	f	27	81	Istanbul	f	29	84	Munich	s	24	75
Cardiff	r	22	72	Jersey	s	24	75	Naples	s	29	84
New York	c	24	75	Nice	s	28	82	Paris	s	27	81
Nice	s	28	82	Nicosia	s	34	93	Perth	s	22	72
Oslo	s	22	72	Prague	s	27	81	Rhodes	s	32	90
Paris	s	27	81	Reykjavik	c	13	55	Rio	f	23	73
Perth	s	22	72	Rome	s	31	88	Salzburg	s	25	77
Reykjavik	c	13	55	Salonika	s	32	90	Stockholm	s	25	77
Rio	f	23	73	Santander	s	27	81	Tel Aviv	s	32	90
Rome	s	31	88	Seville	s	36	97	Toronto	c	22	72
Salzburg	s	25	77	Sofia	s	29	84	Vienna	s	27	81
Stockholm	s	25	77	Stockholm	s	25	77	Warsaw	s	26	79
Tel Aviv	s	32	90	Tenerife	s	28	82	Zurich	s	26	79

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Airline suggests compromise in shuttle dispute

British Caledonian Airways yesterday offered to withdraw its application for a £2 premium to be imposed on the British Airways London-to-Glasgow shuttle service if immediate steps were taken to make domestic routes more profitable.

The offer, made by Mr David Beety, British Caledonian's group director, came just before the end of a Civil Aviation Authority hearing of Caledonian's contention that the shuttle is unfair competition.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter, the CAA chairman, did not comment on the offer.

New record claimed

A new record for non-stop table tennis of 768 hours was claimed yesterday by a team of eight psychiatric patients from Langdon Hospital, Dawlish, Devon. They played for 32 days and nights, beating the previous record by 96 hours.

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Social workers 'untrained' in town where baby died

By a Staff Reporter

The town in which a boy aged 16 months was starved to death by his mother has mostly inexperienced social workers handling complex, life-or-death cases, according to a report by Mr George Meredith, director of social services for Norfolk.

It was produced after criticism over the case of Steven Meurs, of King's Lynn, who died on April 13, weighing only 10lb, despite many visits to his home by welfare agencies' staff.

Mr Meredith says that of 20 basic grade social workers in an area of 44,000 people only one has had a professional training and qualification. Two more are soon to return from formal training. Most of the rest are relatively untrained recruits who need close support and advice from the senior workers.

Time is never available for the careful thought needed in such cases, he says. Children from 22 west Norfolk families are on the county council's non-accidental injury register, the list of victims of suspected ill-treatment, but that is no more than the tip of the iceberg.

Social workers are anxious about the quality of care in the case of well over a hundred children. Many children need support but are receiving no attention because of lack of resources, Mr Meredith says. Six hundred children came to the notice of the police last year for relatively serious offences, but the social services department has been able to study only half of the cases.

A meeting of the county's social services committee has been called for next Wednesday to decide what action to take.

Player aged 18 takes lead in chess tourney

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Outplaying Knox in a whirl of tactical complications Jonathan Speelman, aged 18, took the lead in the third round of the British chess championships at Morecambe yesterday.

Results in round three: Speelman 1, Basman ½, Peckus 0, Dr Vranesic 1; Hayworth ½, Holloway ½, Nott 1, O'Keefe 0, Hindle ½, Bennett ½, MacDonald-Ross 0, Lafferty 1, Miles 1, Whiteley 0, Pritchard ½, Lee ½, Nicholson 1, Sulig 0, Keen ½, Parr 1, Sinclair ½, McKay ½, Ludgate ½, Clarke 1, McCarthy 0, Bonner 1, Critchley ½, Webb, Eles v Littlewood, Fuller v. Harrison, Horner v. Powell adjourned.

Adjourned games results, round two: Littlewood 1, Fuller ½, Kemp ½, Hindle ½, Clarke 0, Neat 1.

With a quick win over Miss S. A. Hutchinson, Miss Sunnucks took the lead in the British women's championship.

Results in round three: Miss Sunnucks 1, Miss S. A. Hutchinson 0; Miss Jackson ½, Mrs Pritchard ½; Miss Cafe 0, Mrs Hartston 1; Mrs Gallimore-Clarke 0, Miss Pritchard 1; Mrs Frank 1, Miss Gravett 0; Miss M. A. Hutchinson ½, Mrs Oliver ½; Mrs Clarke, Miss Pickles 0; Mrs Bentley 1, Mrs Bruce ½; Mrs Hindle 0, Miss Elder 1.

Adjourned game result round two: Mrs Hartston ½, Miss Jackson ½.

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HOME NEWS

...ories urge Scottish ...ssembly as third ...ouse of Parliament

Ronald Faux
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Scottish Conservative ... is preparing to recom... strong measures of devo... for Scotland as a credible ...se to the Government's ...als due to be disclosed ...hite Paper in October.

Conservatives regard ...itive devolution strategy ... key to regaining seats ...n the general elections ...ear, when their policies ...otland, particularly on ...ssembly, proved inade... to match the appeal of ...tionalists.

...dically, both the Tories ...e Labour Party are enter... ...e same delicate grey area ...ies between policies so ... non-commital that they ...ive yet more ground to ...ottish National Party and ...ong they would either ...evitably to the break-up ... United Kingdom or have ...ance of being sanctioned ...liament.

...e strong committees ... the Conservative Party ...eighing the merits of ...s formulas for devolution. ...everal area committees in ...nd are debating the same ...on.

Scottish Conservative ...minist Association com... is to present the party ...ship with nine recom...tions which indicate that ...vatives in Scotland are ...ed to support the idea ...assembly with consider... ...authority, providing it ...ins both the integrity of the United Kingdom and the sovereignty of Westminster.

They recommend that the assembly should be a directly elected "third house" of the Westminster parliament, that the Secretary of State should retain his seat in the Cabinet and that he and his senior ministers should be on the assembly executive. The right to initiate legislation and the functions of the Scottish Grand Committee should be given to the assembly, but it would not have taxation powers.

On the crucial question of control over trade, employment and industry, the Conservatives have been extending their own political philosophy towards the idea that the boards of nationalized industries in Scotland might become responsible to the assembly through the Secretary of State.

That has been floated in the committee but has already met some opposition from those who believe that a break-up of strongly integrated industries would be dangerous.

There is some private bitterness among Conservatives in Scotland that the party allowed the initiative over devolution to be lost during the years since Lord Home's constitutional committee set out much of the basis for present thinking on the subject.

Failure to produce a Bill based on the Home committee's work, coupled with the policy towards North Sea oil during Mr Heath's leadership, they feel cost the party dear in Scotland.

NHS 'offers inferior service in North'

By a Staff Reporter

Standards of care provided by the National Health Service may depend on geographical location, *Which?*, the Consumers' Association magazine, says in its August issue, published yesterday.

It says that there are large variations among health regions in spending and facilities and concludes that more is spent on people in the South and in Wales than in the industrial North.

The differences are reflected in numbers of GPs, hospital beds and hospital doctors in relation to population and in the distribution of senior hospital doctors and of consultants with distinction awards.

In an assessment by the magazine of services provided and money spent, Sheffield had the lowest rating, followed jointly by Birmingham, Newcastle upon Tyne, Leeds, East Anglia, Wessex and Manchester. The regions covering London and the South-east were top.

In the East Midlands, *Which?* says, a quarter of all GPs had more than three thousand patients on their lists, compared with only one in 12 in the South-west.

Doctors Agree: The British Medical Association said yesterday that no one would disagree with the main conclusions (the Press Association reports).

"There are still inequalities", it said, "but the article ignored the main reason for the higher proportion of hospital doctors in the four metropolitan regions". Those regions contained half Britain's undergraduate teaching hospitals and several internationally famous postgraduate hospitals.

The BMA said *Which?* also failed to show that doctors had been trying to reduce inequalities and were working beside the NHS to spread medical skills more evenly.

BAOR weakened by limitations on training while might of Warsaw Pact forces grows

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Because of limitations on training the British Army is running the risk of "losing the professionalism and skill which hitherto have been the admiration of our allies", according to General Sir Harry Tuzo, Commander-in-Chief British Army of the Rhine (BAOR).

His comment to visiting MPs from the Defence and External Affairs Subcommittee is quoted in a report by the House of Commons Expenditure Committee on British Forces, Germany, published last night.

The MPs, who were "disturbed" by what they heard, explain that in 1974-75 significant restrictions were imposed on authorized mileages for tanks and other armoured vehicles. They arose from a shortage of spares, including ammunition, and fuel cuts caused by the oil crisis.

The milage restrictions have now largely been lifted, although a shortage of spares remains.

Moreover the training programme has been affected by the absence of so many troops in Northern Ireland and by the increasing difficulty of using large tracts of land in Germany.

No brigade or divisional exercises have been held for some years. As a result a whole generation of commanders is growing up with no experience of commanding large formations in the field.

The committee urges high priority for resumption of full-scale training. That recommendation is made in the context of a report that illuminates the "ever increasing might" of the Warsaw Pact forces facing Nato. Disparity in force levels was the most striking impression made on the MPs during their five-day visit.

While many of their findings will be incorporated in a more general review of defence policy now being compiled, the subcommittee felt obliged to draw the attention of the Commons to the "very serious situation which confronts Nato in Europe today".

Among points they emphasize is the need for more standardization of equipment in Nato forces. Without a common approach in Nato to the whole philosophy of combat development the military balance in Europe might become even worse than it is, and the risks of nuclear conflict increased.

Air Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, C-in-C RAF Germany, told the MPs that in the Second Allied Tactical Air Force there were 16 kinds of drop tanks (fuel tanks slung beneath aircraft wings).

On Britain's own short-term weapons procurement, the MPs make an unequivocal recommendation that the Army should be provided with Milan, the Franco-German man-portable anti-tank missile for which there is no British equivalent.

"We conclude", they say, "that on almost every count Milan is vitally needed and purchase should be concluded urgently, provided that the maximum participation of British industry can be achieved."

The committee has reservations about proposals disclosed in May for reconstructing BAOR, particularly it seems over the proposed abolition of brigades. It was unable to establish whether this was put forward because it would save the most money or because the brigade was the most dispensable formation from a military point of view.

General Tuzo also admitted to the committee that because of the present deployment of allied units some complicated manoeuvres would be essential at the outbreak of any war, in order to move combat troops forward, and their families back to positions of safety. "This is a matter of concern which must affect the readiness of our troops in Germany in the event of a surprise attack."

Similarly the RAF would have to move the Harrier squadrons forward from their present base at Wildenrath for them to operate at maximum effectiveness with a full weapon load.

Some of the committee's most stringent criticism is reserved for the state of barrack accommodation in Germany. The MPs called on Belfast Barracks in Osnabruck, which they considered "highly unsatisfactory" even after The Queen's Own Highlanders had redecorated one block themselves under a self-help scheme. And General Tuzo admitted to them that 60 per cent of the accommodation for single soldiers in Germany was of a similar standard.

"A plan, already falling behind schedule, to improve barracks over the next six or seven years seems scarcely commensurate with the scale of the problems which may vitally affect the number of soldiers willing and able to serve and reengage in service with the army", the report comments.

The MPs also suggest that if the Highlanders had been kept better informed of the programme for improving their barracks fewer complaints would have been heard.

"We recommend that urgent attention be given to the charges levied for substandard accommodation and that strenuous efforts should be made to expedite the barracks modernization programme", they conclude. Modernization should not be allowed to proceed only when economic conditions allowed.

For all that, the subcommittee was impressed by the "fine morale and fighting spirit" of the troops in Germany.

Members of the subcommittee, commenting on the state of Belfast Barracks at a press conference yesterday, referred to sloping floors and peeling walls. One said the average local authority in Britain would have condemned it as a slum.

Seventh Report from the Expenditure Committee, British Forces Germany (House of Commons Paper 472, Stationery Office, 85p).

Italian right told to keep abreast of times

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Aug 6

Signor Benigno Zaccagnini, the new secretary of the governing Christian Democrats, told the party national executive today that thoroughgoing change was needed to keep pace with rapid developments in Italy.

This was the first executive meeting he has addressed since replacing Senator Amintore Fanfani as secretary. In identifying change, he pointed to the growth of civil values, the search for greater liberty and of a new role for young people, problems in the educational world and the more important place of the Italian woman in society.

Speaking more explicitly about the results of the regional elections in June which brought big Communist gains and, indirectly, brought him the secretaryship, he emphasized the need for a more practical approach to government.

In this framework, support had to be won on open ground. So in the battle the first importance had to be given to the content of governmental programmes, the ability and seriousness in carrying them out, and open-mindedness and comprehension of what was new.

His comments opened a debate in the executive on two principal points. The first was how the party could organize itself to meet the demands of new conditions in the country, the second was how to deal with the widespread increase in Communist influence.

This increase is due in part to the left-wing gains at the elections and in part to the collapse, in many cases, of old prejudices against local alliances between governmental parties and the Communists. The latest instance comes from the region of Basilicata, where a traditional centre-left type of administration has been re-established since the election with one fundamental innovation—the general lines of its programme have been agreed with the Communists.

...asgow council protests ...planned loan cuts

...Staff Reporter

...ow District Council pro... yesterday over the ...ed cuts in local authority ...o buy and improve the ...enement properties.

... James Dunnachie, ...an of the council's ...ce and rehabilitation ...tee, said: "We have re... the Secretary of State ...tland of assurances that ...Government recognizes ...'s special problems, ...were highlighted in the ...urban deprivation report, ...t there would be no cut... ...housing expenditure in ...."

...restriction on home loans, ...icated by the Scottish ...ment Department, would ...erious consequences for ..., he said. It might render ...antial part of Glasgow's private housing stock unsaleable.

The department, in a circular to all councils, had advised that advances for home loans and improvements should be halved.

The committee was concerned about the implications for Glasgow. Building societies did not generally lend money on tenement homes. If the district council was prevented from lending the money how could the houses change hands? Mr Dunnachie said that if the Secretary of State seriously intended to cut spending by half he would depress the market and open the way for speculators to buy cheap and then make a killing when they sold the homes on a deposit-and-instalment basis.

Last year Glasgow corporation advanced £4,306,000, and already this year the home loans scheme has commitments to lend more than £3m.

Double-glazing comes in for more criticism

For the second time within a week an independent report says that double-glazing in the home should really be at the end of any list of house insulation projects.

Adding weight to last week's report by the Building Research Council, a consumer magazine, *Handyman Which?*, says today that "most types are unlikely to give you a sensible return ... It advises cost-conscious house owners to think first about draught-proofing and loft insulation as ways of stopping heat loss. It says that a three-inch glass fibre blanket for use in loft insulation may vary in price from 67p to £1.11 a square metre, depending on brand.

The magazine also discusses cavity-wall insulation, which it believes would cost about £140 for a three bedroom semi-detached house.

"It can make sense, especially if you are unfortunate enough to heat with electric storage heaters, to borrow the money if you need to", it says. "Your rate of return can be more than the interest you are paying."

...otskyist letter claim

...rotskyist group, centred ...e weekly newspaper ...rs *Fight*, yesterday ...d responsibility for an ...nous letter, giving in... ...ns on how to wreck the ...ment's counter-inflation ... circulated to constitu... ...abour parties.

... editorial board of ...rs *Fight* and *Young* ...st, which has its head-quarters in Islington, London, said it sent the draft of a resolution, denouncing the £6 pay limit, on a flysheet attached to the regular letter sent to 200 distributors in constituency parties throughout the country.

The board said it was a Trotskyist "ginger group", not affiliated to the Labour Party, although most of its members belonged to the party.

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Government has allo...9m for local authorities ...d on nursery schooling ...-77. It is £12m less than ...n earmarked if targets ... under the Tory govern... ...ere to be met. Spending ...roving old primary and ...ary schools has been cut ...25m to £20m and on ... schools from £21m to

...figures came yesterday ...ircular from the Depart... ...f Education and Science ... details of the £186m ...g programme announced ...eek. Local authorities ...been given allocations of ... to provide places for new pupils (basic needs) and £25m for comprehensive schemes which should be submitted before October 15.

Mr Henry Clother, of the National Union of Teachers, said the programme was hopelessly inadequate. The union executive would meet to discuss threatened cuts as a matter of urgency on August 30, before the annual TUC meeting.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman on education and science, said: "It is ludicrous to spend so much unnecessarily on comprehensive schemes to the detriment of nursery and old schools."

Lord Alexander of Potterhill, general secretary of the Association of Education Committees, said the programme was reasonably intelligent given that a reduction was inevitable.

Mrs E. M. Osborn, vice-president of the National Campaign for Nursery Education, said: "It is a serious setback."

Mrs Thatcher's White Paper of 1972 earmarked £15m in each of the two years 1975-77 for nursery schools. Since then the figure has been increased to £21m to take account of inflation. The target was to provide places for nine tenths of the four-year-olds and for half of the three-year-olds within the next decade.

School Building, 1976-77. Circular 8/75 (Department of Education and Science, York Road, London, SE1 7PH.

...ower increase in private ...dical care in 1974

...taff Reporter

...ident funds giving insur... ...over for private medical ...ntinued to grow in 1974, ...e net increase of 32,000 ... number of subscribers ...e lowest for 15 years.

... large schemes attracted ... new subscribers, a ... and by the end of 1974 ...d 2,300,000 people. But ...was also a record number ...000 lapsed subscriptions. ...ption income rose to ... an increase of £9m over

...e figures are published ...in a report by a group ...sultant economists, based ... annual survey commis... by the Department of ... and Social Security to monitor trends in private medical care.

The growth in the number of subscribers is wholly accounted for by increased membership of employers' non-contributory schemes. The number of individuals carrying subscriptions has been falling since 1971, and showed a further marked decline in 1974.

The report notes that private medical care spending for 1974 was on average £17 for each insured person, compared with an average of about £56 a person for National Health Service care.

Provident Schemes Statistics 1974 (Lee Donaldson Associates, 21-24 Bury Street, London, SW1Y 6AL, 50p).

Mr Maxwell is again Scots daily executive

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, who has a major shareholding in the *Scottish Daily News*, has resumed executive power on the newspaper.

The executive council, announcing the move yesterday in Glasgow said Mr Maxwell would help to launch the paper in tabloid size on August 18. He would be in Glasgow for two or three months concentrating on building up the circulation and advertising revenue.

The executive council had earlier voted to strip Mr Maxwell of executive authority. "I suppose they felt they could do the job without me", Mr Maxwell said yesterday.

Heath named ...rist of year in Spain

...ur Correspondent
... Aug 6

...dward Heath has been ... tourist of the year on ... Costa del Sol. He spent ... there earlier this year ... stayed with Sir ... Kitson, his parliament... ...te secretary, at his ...ear Marbella.

...Timothy said at a recep... ...terday that the holiday ...ayed a big part in Mr ... decision to return to politics.

Audio-visual link for two universities

Using an audio-visual link, the universities of Liverpool and Manchester can now have one lecturer for simultaneously teaching students at both places, nearly 40 miles apart.

Students can ask questions and make modifications to the illustrations transmitted by the lecturer, or send sketches of their own. The universities maintain that the cost of the equipment is justified by savings in travelling time and fares.

Students facing grant delay for next session

By Our Education Correspondent

Students in further and higher education may not get their grants in time for the next academic session, the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday.

That was because the Department of Education and Science had delayed issuing the new grant regulations.

WEST EUROPE

France and Spain protest over Basque

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 6

French and Spanish protests were exchanged today over Monday night's incident at Behobie on the Pyrenean frontier when a young Spanish Basque nationalist who had sought refuge in a French customs post was handed over to the Spaniards as the post was in Spanish territory.

The French uniformed police association protested in Paris that members of their organization had been "threatened and encircled by armed Spanish police" while carrying out their duties.

They also criticized the French Government for siting the post inside Spanish territory.

Today the French customs officers at both Behobie and Hendaye started a "go slow" as a protest over the poor conditions in which they are now forced to work.

The Spanish protest was made by the government to the local French prefect. It complained that the French police had allowed French-speaking Basques to throw a Spanish flag into a river near the Behobie customs post on Monday night.



A car, pushed from the Communist Party compound in Famalicao, Portugal, during anti-Communist riots, crashes into the street below.

Reunification ruled out by East German leader

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Aug 6

Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, rejected the idea of reunification of the two German States in an interview with *Neues Deutschland* today. He said the reference to a peaceful change of borders in the Helsinki documents had no practical significance for East Germany "as we have no border problems with our neighbours". Moreover, "socialism and capitalism can never be united".

He emphasized that the Helsinki documents had given a much broader basis to the guarantee of the inviolability of the East German borders—already confirmed in the Moscow-Bonn treaty and the treaty between the two German states.

In the interview Herr Honecker made the surprising claim that East Germany was one of the world's most open countries. He mentioned the number of West German visitors and the travel without passport or visa between East Germany and East European countries, but he said nothing to indicate that a more liberal approach might be taken with regard to travel to the West.

For once Herr Honecker did not call on the population to economize or work harder. Such appeals often take up much space in *Neues Deutschland*, understandably enough as the East German economy continues to have its problems.

This is confirmed by the latest report of the German Institute for Economic Research in West Berlin.

The report says that intensified efforts to increase East German exports are necessary. This means that, unlike recent years, higher production will not lead to a corresponding rise in the standard of living.

Imports from Comecon countries have almost doubled, the report says, and trade with the Soviet Union is now in deficit.

Italy attempt to avert strike affecting tourists

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Aug 6

The Italian Government today intervened in an effort to save the country from a strike involving hotels and restaurants at the height of the tourist season. Signor Toros, the Minister of Labour, has called for a meeting of the two sides tomorrow.

The unions stated today that if the talks showed no success a strike would be called for August 13, 15 and 17. The unions propose talks with transport workers and petrol station workers.

Reports from Milan speak of arrangements in hand by the unions to send out groups of officials to the coastal resorts with the object of guaranteeing respect for the order to strike. The hotel and restaurant workers assert that since 1971, when their last collective contract was signed, prices have risen by 70 per cent, hotel charges by between 20 to 30 per cent, while their wages have remained the same.

French woman held by rebels 'attempts suicide'

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 6

Mme Françoise Claustre, a French archaeologist who was promised her freedom on August 1 after 15 months as a prisoner of rebels in Chad, has tried to commit suicide, according to French radio reports today.

Mme Claustre was captured by the rebels in northern Chad in April, 1974, while working for the French National Scientific Research Centre on pre-Islamic tombs and cave paintings.

Several attempts by French Government emissaries to obtain her release have failed. The last negotiations, conducted between the rebels' leader and M Stephane Hessel, a senior official of the French Ministry of Cooperation, brought an apparent agreement by the rebels to free Mme Claustre last Friday. Then the Chad Government objected to what it described as "interference in Chad's internal affairs" by the French.

A spokesman of the Cooperation Ministry in Paris today said they had no information of an attempt by Mme Claustre to take her life.

In this week's *Paris Match* three French journalists, who managed to track down the rebels and interview Mme Claustre last month, quote her as telling them: "If I am not freed as promised on August 1 then I shall simply let myself die."

Mme Claustre, who is in her thirties, is the wife of a French civil servant who at the time of the kidnapping was a member of a French mission to Chad, intended to improve the country's administration.

British schoolboy rescued from Norwegian peak

From Our Correspondent
Oslo, Aug 6

A 15-year-old English schoolboy was rescued in the Lyngen mountains yesterday after collapsing at an altitude of 5,300ft.

There was a snowfall at the time and a strong wind. But for the speed with which the rescue expedition was organized he would most likely have frozen to death.

He was carried on a stretcher some distance and then flown by helicopter to Tromsoe where he is in hospital recovering from frostbite and exposure.

The boy belonged to a group of 21 from Eastbourne College. Six of the group had set out to climb the 6,100ft peak of Jaeggevarre.

Shortage of fuel forces Lisbon to halt airlift of refugees from Angola

Lisbon, Aug 6.—TAP, the Portuguese national airline, announced today that it has been forced to abandon temporarily its airlift of whites from Angola.

A spokesman for the airline said there was a shortage of aircraft fuel in the capital Luanda.

He said it would be "some time" before the planned evacuation target of 3,000 people daily could be reached. Even a number of scheduled flights were being cancelled and the massive evacuation would depend on fresh fuel supplies reaching Luanda by sea.

Last week the Portuguese government hurriedly drew up plans for the evacuation of up to 300,000 whites who wished to return to Lisbon before Angola becomes independent in November.

An estimated 100,000 whites have already been flown back to Europe.—UPI.

Luanda, Aug 6.—Fighting between Angola's two main nationalist groups is reported to have eased considerably today. According to a Portuguese military spokesman it is now mainly confined to sporadic skirmishes around Silva Porto, about 430 miles south-west of here.

The spokesman described the overall situation as "stationary but tense", but could give no details of the Silva Porto clashes between troops of the pro-communist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA).

So far, the FNLA has captured towns on all sides of Luanda and has consolidated its forces, but army sources said it has not yet moved against the capital itself. The MPLA last month drove its rival out of the capital after six days of heavy fighting in which at least 300 persons died.

Despite the lull in military activity, long columns of refugees today headed towards Luanda under the protection of Portuguese troops after the army pulled out of the northern coffee centre of Carmona and the air base at Negage near by.

Official reports said hundreds of cars in a convoy several miles long had followed the Portuguese Army out of the area.

About 20,000 refugees have now poured into Angola's second largest city, Nova Lisboa, where they are being sheltered in insanitary and overcrowded conditions at a local fairground.

The Army says that many of the white settlers, who have arrived in the city destitute, will soon be airlifted to Portugal.

There were no further official reports today of fighting in Cabinda, Angola's oil-rich enclave on the border with Zaire. Travellers from the area said the two warring factions had clashed outside the town of Cabinda but the fighting did not endanger the American Gulf Oil Company's installations there.

Public health officials at Malanje, 220 miles east of Luanda today issued an urgent appeal for a shipment of quicklime to bury bodies that were decomposing in the streets. Luanda municipal officials said. The town was the scene of fierce fighting last week and refugees from the area said most buildings were badly damaged.—UPI and Reuter.

Paris, Aug 6.—Mr Holden Roberto, the FNLA leader said in a television interview shown here today that his troops were preparing to make an assault on Luanda.

He did not say when the planned assault would be made

President saves Paris from 328ft high tower

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 6

President Giscard d'Estaing has struck another blow to save Paris from any further proliferation of skyscrapers, "regretting" a refusal of planning permission for a 328ft high tower of offices by the appropriate authorities.

The "Apogee Tour" was intended as the centrepiece of a commercial redevelopment for the Porte d'Italie quarter, on the south-west outskirts of the capital.

The intervention by the President is likely, however, to disgruntle the project's promoters who since 1969 have already twice reduced the dimensions of the tower to suit Parisians' and offical sensibilities. Originally, it was to have had more than 50 storeys.

President Giscard d'Estaing has also signed a decree increasing the supervisory powers of the Environmental Council.

Man pinned in crashed car shoots himself

Neumarkt, West Germany.—An off-duty policeman, trapped in his car after it crashed on a deserted road, apparently shot himself in frustration last night. Local authorities said he appeared to have committed suicide with a rifle.—AP.

Three million rise in France's population

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 6

The population of France has risen by almost three million since 1968 and stood at 52,590,000 when the latest census was conducted in February, according to provisional results made known today.

However, the rate of growth has slowed down, it was 0.8 per cent a year over the 1968-75 period, compared to 1.2 per cent a year between 1962 and 1968.

The three chief regions of population growth since the previous census were Greater Paris (the population of the city itself continued to decline), Provence-Côte d'Azur, and the Rhône-Alpes. These three regions alone absorbed almost half the total population increase.

Britons use most soap

Geneva, Aug 6.—Britain has scored a first, according to a Swiss organization—in washing.

Figures compiled by the Swiss Association of Soap and Detergent Manufacturers show that the British used 1,163 grams (about 2½ lb) in 1974. The Swiss used 1,082 grams, the Germans 986 grams and the Swedes 941.

OVERSEAS

Bishop Muzorewa to see Foreign Secretary today as tension mounts over Rhodesia peace talks

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the president of the African National Council (ANC) will see Mr Callaghan, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, today to discuss the latest moves in Salisbury and the prospect of a constitutional settlement in Rhodesia.

Although no new developments are expected as a result of his London talks, Bishop Muzorewa has had an unusually busy programme. He had two meetings yesterday with Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, before meeting Mr Callaghan today.

The British view is that a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia is still within reach if Mr Ian Smith can be persuaded to negotiate seriously with the Africans, but that time is running out as the Africans themselves become more and more impatient. Accordingly, the Foreign Secretary is anxious to hear from the Bishop whether the contacts in Salisbury with the Smith regime have been making any progress.

The militant wing of the ANC has been calling for a renewal of guerrilla fighting in Rhodesia, as the prospect for majority rule has seemed no nearer fulfilment, and Bishop Muzorewa has himself been coming under pressure to support their approach.

Our Correspondent wrote from Salisbury yesterday: Bishop Muzorewa said in a statement released here that a Rhodesian constitutional conference must be held soon "to avoid a tragic, bloody path to majority rule".

The statement was written in Malawi on Tuesday before the Bishop left for London. It was released by his Salisbury office and in it he said the struggle for the freedom of Zimbabwe, the African name for Rhodesia, had reached a climax and would soon be at its most dangerous and conclusive period. "In short, we are at war", he said.

But he maintained the primary objective of the ANC was still a constitutional conference that would lead to majority rule for the nation's six million blacks.

The Bishop's militant statement came just before Mr Smith is due to fly to Pretoria for talks with Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister. The visit has been confirmed by the South African Government and the talks are believed to have been requested by Mr Smith amid speculation that he will seek South African assurances of support in the event of a total collapse of the proposed Rhodesian constitutional talks.

The Bishop, in his statement, ruled out holding the ANC's annual congress. It would be an expensive luxury, he said. "We are at war now. We need our freedom now. We want to do everything in our power now to end the senseless suffering, the incessant tortures and deaths through massacre our people continue to face in the war zone."

He said he had instructed Dr Elliott Gabellah, the ANC vice-president, to see Mr Smith to discuss again the question of the venue for a constitutional conference, which the ANC wants outside Rhodesia.

Salisbury, Aug 6.—Rhodesia has imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew along 400 miles of its border with Botswana in a move probably designed to halt a growing exodus of young Africans recruited for guerrilla training abroad.

More than 500 teenage schoolchildren are believed to have crossed the borders in recent weeks, some into Botswana but most of them into Mozambique. A similar curfew zone was established along the eastern border with Mozambique on July 25.

The Botswana border curfew zone is three miles deep, about five times as deep as the eastern zone, but excludes road and rail links.

Pretoria, Aug 6.—Mr Smith and Mr Vorster will hold talks here on Friday, it was announced today. A spokesman for Mr Vorster said Mr Smith would arrive on Friday and return to Salisbury during the weekend.

The Rhodesian leader is a fairly frequent visitor here but the talks this weekend are regarded as especially significant. It is speculated that the meeting and the London visit of Bishop Muzorewa, may be part of a last-ditch attempt to rescue the Rhodesian constitutional talks and prevent an all-out guerrilla war.—Reuter.



Two hostages are marched towards an airport bus by a masked, armed Japanese Red Army terrorist in Kuala Lumpur.

Israel sees no hope of progress on Sinai

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Aug 6

Israel's negotiating team, headed by Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, will meet tomorrow to consider Egypt's reply to its latest proposals for an interim Sinai agreement.

Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, passed the reply to the Israel ambassador in Washington last night. The indications are that the Egyptian attitude has changed only in minor details and certainly not enough to hold out hope of agreement.

Not for the first time, Dr Kissinger's talk of continuing progress and hopeful signs is not borne out by the facts as they are known in Israel. The charade of "further clarifications" may be continued a little longer, but the mood developing in Jerusalem is that it is time to tell the United States clearly that Israel has gone far enough in making concessions and is prepared to forego an interim agreement rather than retreat further.

Dr Kissinger's reported intention of renewing his shuttle diplomacy on August 18 does not seem realistic if he is still following the principle that there must first be a '90 per cent chance of success. Some of Israel's leaders believe that prospects of an agreement are worse than they were a month ago.

There seems to have been no significant narrowing of the gulf between the Israel and Egyptian territorial proposals. Egypt is believed to have rejected Israel's offer to withdraw from all but the last mile of the Sinai passes and is continuing to demand a total evacuation of the passes.

Differences over non-territorial matters are no less acute. Israel is believed to be seeking stronger guarantees that Egypt will not violate a three-year agreement on the non-use of force by threatening not to renew the United Nations force's mandate in an attempt to force further concessions by Israel, possibly over the Golan Heights or the Palestinian issue.

Mr Peres, the Defence Minister, has said that Israel's latest proposals are a final offer. This has not been endorsed publicly by the Government, but if Egypt's reply amounts to a rejection of them it will be taken as a sign that President Sadat is not seeking peace.

Uganda is to return the six Fouga Magister jet fighters supplied by Israel to the Ugandan Air Force in the 1960s, President Amin announced at Entebbe airport after inspecting the aircraft.

He complained that Uganda had been unable to obtain spares to keep them flying. He said they were secondhand when Uganda obtained them. He had advised former President Obote not to buy them in the first place.

Shopping/John Groser

● At a recent revival of *The Gondoliers* (yes, I am also into Gilbert and Sullivan fun) I was struck, not for the first time, by Don Alhambra's words:

"When every blessed thing you hold
Is made of silver or of gold,
You long for simple pewter."

Hitherto (in other words, on the 16 previous occasions when I have seen *The Gondoliers*) I have simply assumed that the Don is being, well, rather Alhambrish. When you may well wonder, does Don A see in pewter? A gold drinking vessel has some status. A silver one no doubt goes with the spoon in your mouth with which you were born.

Pewter, I have oftimes thought, is rather base. But wait. Pliny suggested that pewter improved the taste of wine, and he ought to have known. In the Early Church, the sacramental vessels were made of pewter (albeit with linings of gold plate). Henry II (in the same Pipe Rolls where he lists for the Exchequer bed linen bills that would make a modern hotel blush) ordered the purchase of several hundred pieces of pewter plate.

So, in search of pewter I have been. If, like me, you are immediately put in mind of dull, dented beer mugs at dull, dented rugger clubs, then you are wrong. Pewter has infinite variety and a selection of finishes (some shiny, like silver plate and some polished, like stainless steel).

Many members of the Association of British Pewter Craftsmen (Pewterers Hall, Old Lane, London, EC2V 7DE) produce a wonderful, heavy cast, antique range that might have come straight off the tables of Cromwell's army or (for I am no Roundhead) from the headquarters of King Charles at Oxford.

Other members concentrate on spinning pewter (rather than casting it) which offers a slightly cheaper means of production and, to my mind, an obvious difference in finish and quality. Personally, I do not like the shiny pewter very much. I prefer the rugged texture of the Newcastle Quart to measure on the extreme left of the bottom photograph on the facing page, and the beautiful Henry VIII goblet on the extreme right.

The Newcastle measure (from one gallon size to one-sixth of a gill) costs £27.50 for the quart size. Expensive, you might feel, but a collector's item none the less and one which you would find a great pleasure to use. The goblet, again in heavy cast pewter, costs £10.

Both these pieces (indeed all the items I have illustrated) are manufactured by Aquinas Locke Ltd. The measure and the goblet are from its superb Collector's Range, as are the three small plates in the other photograph. The medium sized Georgian goblets (in their presentation box, price £35 for six) are from the Select Range. You can see the difference of texture.

The pewter chess pieces (cast in oriental pattern moulds) are £200 the set (without board) and the satin finish Regent goblet is £6. As you will see, pewter is available in a highly polished, or satin or antique

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● Granada is the name of this very handsome design. The photograph, which in no way does the colour of the porcelain justice, shows the simple, stackable shape of the oven-to-tableware. It does not show the deep red colour, evocative of "the strumming of guitars, in a thousand grubby bars" (as Tom Lehrer used to say).

It is a passionate colour, some will say too hot for summer, which (apparently) is very difficult to fire accurately. Granada is a new china pattern from Villeroy and Boch in Luxembourg. The agent in this country is Courtier, 400 Durnsford Road, London, SW19 8EA (01-946 8891) from whom a price list and the names of retailers are available.

Apart from being stackable, oven-proof and attractive, Granada will go in your dishwasher (and, more important, retain its exotic, dramatic colour). The coffee pot costs £6.20 and the gorgeous oval platter with handles £3.80. Dinner plates (not illustrated) are £1.85 each. If you feel that bright red (and the EEC) will bring a little excitement to your dinner table then Granada could be what you need.



● Those of you who sympathized with me (April last) over my best-man activities will not be surprised to learn that I have almost as many Godchildren as ... um, yes. Presents for the little formative blighters are a constant problem. So I am delighted to discover that an "Early Learning Catalogue" is to be published shortly.

The 180 toys and books in the Catalogue have been chosen by the Early Learning Centre's panel of education experts whose criteria in selection was "play fun" as well as the "development of basic skills".

Most of the goods in the Catalogue cost less than £1.

It will be available by post from: Early Learning Centre, 173 Kings Road, Reading, Berkshire. The Centre has a play area for children at 67 London Street, Reading, open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, where children can try out the toys under the care of a trained nursery adviser. Further inquiries to Reading 50186.

Lagos guards chief to be Foreign Minister

From Nicholas Ashford
Accra, Aug 6

Nigeria's new military leader, Brigadier Murtala Muhammed, today announced the formation of a new Cabinet of 23 commissioners (ministers). Just over half the portfolios have gone to military men.

The Cabinet reflects a desire by the new leader to retain a balance between the country's main ethnic groups. Although northerners predominate, particularly among the military appointments, Brigadier Muhammed has given a number of important posts to southerners.

Three commissioners have retained their portfolios from the previous Government. They are Lieut-Colonel Dr A. Ali (Education), Colonel M. I. Wushishi (Industry) and Brigadier Henry Adefope (Labour).

The Foreign Affairs portfolio has gone to Colonel Joseph Garba, who proclaimed the overthrow of General Gowon as Nigerian head of state last week. Colonel Garba, who like General Gowon comes from Benue Province, was commander of the brigade of guards which was responsible for the former Nigerian leader's security.

Some of the main appointments are: Brigadier I. D. Bisalla (Defence); Mr A. E. Ekukinam (Finance); Mr Umoru Mattalab (Economic Development); Colonel Dan Suleiman (Health); Mr U. Shinkafi (Interior); Justice Dan Ibekwe (Justice); Mr Effiom Otu Ekong (Mines and Power); Brigadier M. Shuwa (Trade); Lieutenant-Colonel S. M. Yaradua (Transport); Captain O. Olumide (Works); Brigadier Murtala Muhammed (Communications); Dr M. T. O. Akobo (Petroleum and Energy); Mr M. Ajose-Adeogun (Cooperatives and Supply); Dr R. A. Adeleye (Housing); Dr I. U. William-Osisiogu (Water Resources); Mr Shuaiba Kalaure (Aviation).

In an address to the ruling Military Council last night Brigadier Muhammed appealed for "clean government" without the misuse of public office. One of the main complaints against General Gowon was that he had failed to curb the corruption

Heavy sentences demanded for ex-officers in Athens trial

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Aug 6

The Athens court martial was urged today by the chief prosecutor to impose prison terms ranging from 17 years to five on 20 out of 21 cashiered officers charged with conspiring to revolt against the elected Government of Greece.

The defendants, ranking from brigadier to captain, were arrested and cashiered last February on the ground that they had conspired to stage a coup under the leadership of General Demetris Ioannidis, their deposed leader.

According to the indictment, they intended to blackmail the Karamanlis Government to grant a general amnesty to those responsible for the country's dictatorial adventures in the past eight years.

Major-General George Papadatos, the chief prosecutor, asked the five military judges today to acquit one of the defendants and impose prison terms from 10 to 17 years on 15 others who, he said, were guilty of conspiring to revolt. For the remaining five he recommended terms of five and six years for failing to report a conspiracy.

The prosecutor said the defendants had "agreed and decided to seize control of part or the whole of the armed forces by violent means; to occupy communications centres, military units, radio and television stations; to arrest the Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers; arrest and neutralize part of the leadership of the armed forces; and coerce the political leadership, under threat of arms, to perform political actions against its will and the will of the Greek people".

General Papadatos recommended the heaviest penalty, 17 years' imprisonment, for Brigadier George Lamboussis, and 16 years for Colonel Ioannis Andonopoulos, whose confession had led to the arrest of most defendants.

The colonel and other defendants revoked their confessions made before military magistrates, asserting that they had been obtained by way of "psychological violence". However, they refused to describe the tortures.

The defendants admitted openly in court that they had been fervent supporters of the dictatorship, but added that they now favoured legality.

One lieutenant, who testified for the defence, caused a stir by stating to the presiding judges that he did not propose to read the new constitution because he had more serious business to do; and that he believed it was the Army's duty to intervene in order to save the nation from communism. The court president, Major-General Emmanuel Plevrakis, said that he was receiving threatening letters.

While the court martial of the 21 officers was drawing to a close, the court of appeal trying the 20 leaders of the 1967 coup for high treason and revolt, today heard Mr Demetrios Bitsios, the Foreign Minister, describe how King Constantine had been forced to set up a government after the coup "while he was surrounded by tanks with their cannon trained on the palace".

In brief

Nixon defender is acquitted

New York, Aug 6.—A federal jury today acquitted Mr Edward Gurney, former Republican senator for Florida, on five of seven counts of an indictment concerning a fund-raising operation he had conducted. The jury was deadlocked on the two remaining charges and a mistrial was declared.

Mr Gurney rose to national prominence when, as a member of the Senate Watergate committee, he stoutly defended former President Nixon. He had been charged with raising $400,000 from builders seeking preferential treatment from federal housing agencies.

Murdoch £45,000

Sydney, Aug 6.—Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Australian newspaper owner, said in court today that his company, News Limited, had contributed about £45,000 to the Australian Labour Party's 1972 election funds. He was testifying at a hearing of conspiracy charges involving the zoning of land in the Sydney suburb of Botany partly owned by an associate company of News Limited.

'Admit Israel' move

Berlin, August 6.—A conference representing about five million teachers in 87 countries today called for the admission of Israel to the European group of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

'Coup officers' shot

Beirut, Aug 6.—Eighteen Ethiopian Army officers have been executed after a recent attempted coup in Addis Ababa, an Eritrean Liberation Front official said here today.

Senator's home raided

Washington, Aug 6.—Thieves apparently searching for confidential documents have ransacked the home of Senator Howard Baker, a member of the Senate committee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency.

Anti-US shop fracas

Ankara, Aug 6.—Riot police with batons ejected 25 anti-American demonstrators from a United States duty-free shop in the Turkish port of Izmir today.

Peru expels 27

Lima, Aug 6.—The Peru Government says it will deport 27 prominent trade unionists and professional men for "stirring up" unrest.

KGB investigation into bogus professor's views on love in developed socialist society

Dedicated Georgian 'Dr Who' arrested

By Gabriel Ronay

David Alekseyevich Chakhvashvili dedicated his life to the dissemination of science. For the past three years he waged a relentless struggle against ignorance, showing up, like a Soviet Dr Who, in the darkest corners of the Caucasus to spread the gospel of scientific enlightenment.

His dedication made him a pillar of the Society for the Dissemination of Knowledge (*Znaniye*) in Soviet Georgia. Although he held down a full-time job at the headquarters of the Georgian Academy of Sciences in Tbilisi, he was for ever going on lecture tours.

And wherever he called he was welcomed with open arms, and open minds, by the local stalwarts of *Znaniye* who were fighting a losing battle against the Daleks of ignorance, superstition and political backwardness. For it was not often that a doctor of technical sciences would call at the more outlying district centres of the Abkhazian Autonomous Republic for instance.

Even more important, his credentials were impressive, bearing two official stamps and the signature of an official of the *Znaniye* secretariat with a learnedly illegible signature, stating that Dr Chakhvashvili, "a noted Soviet scientist and doctor of technical sciences", was being recommended as a "visiting lecturer".

In conversations at town halls he made frequent references to the nuclear research station at Dubno and to his achievements in nuclear physics, quarks and synchrophasotrons.

"My lectures", he would inform the bowled-over local representatives of *Znaniye*, "are outwardly of differing nature, but they are linked by a single underlying theme. Because of this, I would recommend the following lecture series: 'The Atom', 'Medicine' and 'Love in the Developed Socialist Society'".

Perhaps because of the interest aroused by the promised revelations about love in the developed socialist society, the 15-rouble fee per lecture-hour was never considered exorbitant, not even in the poorest *kolkhozes*, factories and offices of the republic. Question time, of course, was extra, payable at professorial rates.

In the course of a three-day lecture tour in the Abkhask region he was paid 605 roubles (£385) for his efforts to bring science to the knowledge-hungry masses.

But the KGB, that ever-vigilant body of men not noted for its enthusiasm for ubiquitous doctors of technical sciences, did not take to Chakhvashvili's views on love in the developed socialist society. They called Tbilisi to check his credentials.

The form of the introductory letter and the two official stamps of the secretariat of the Georgian *Znaniye* Society proved to be genuine, but the doctorate and professorship were not.

As chief janitor at the Georgian Academy of Sciences, he did indeed have close links with science, but in his childhood he had neglected to pursue his formal education beyond primary school, and a triumphant KGB was able to arrest the Georgian Dr Who.

The news surprised but did not shake the secretariat of the Georgian *Znaniye* Society and the officials rallied to their doctor's defence.

In an interview with *Izvestia* they dismissed "the slanderous allegations" levelled against their star lecturer and, on the strength of three years of mutually enjoyed cooperation, they described Chakhvashvili as "an honourable and brave scientist attacked at his post of duty". As for his scientific knowledge, the officials insisted that they were not just impressed: "We all warmly applauded his public lectures given in our society."

But the KGB had a trump card. They reminded *Znaniye* that they had taken on Chakhvashvili as a peripatetic lecturer on the strength of a letter from the Georgian Academy of Sciences recommending "David Alekseyevich Chakhvashvili, the noted Soviet scientist and doctor of technical sciences, as a lecturer". The academy's official letterhead and stamp, readily available to the chief janitor, had been sufficient to launch him on his new career.

Although a complete ignoramus where science was concerned, the Georgian Dr Who knew perfectly well the value of official letterheads and stamps in the Soviet Union. And while his three-year stint as a lecturer proved that his approach was right, a terse official announcement has now revealed that the "doctor", duly tried and sentenced, is serving a suitable term.

Ford-Miki pledge over defence of East Asia

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Aug 6

Mr Takeo Miki, the Japanese Prime Minister, ended his visit to Washington today with a reception at his embassy and a declaration that the destinies of the United States and Japan are inseparably linked to the peaceful development of east Asia.

He told a Press Club lunch that the ending of the Indo-China war had opened an opportunity for a "dialogue of reconciliation" among the nations of South-East Asia. Mr Miki said that a continued American presence in South Korea was essential. He said Japan would continue to carry out its obligations under its defence treaty with the United States.

Mr Miki met President Ford this morning. A joint statement afterwards said:

"The security of the Republic of Korea is essential to the maintenance of peace on the Korean peninsula, which in turn is necessary for peace and security in east Asia, including Japan."

The statement went on: "The President, recognizing the importance of Asia for world peace and progress, reaffirmed that the United States would continue to play an active and positive role in the region and would continue to uphold its treaty commitments there."

New York, Aug 6.—The Security Council today declined to consider the application of South Korea for membership of the United Nations. Earlier, in separate votes, it decided by 14 to none to take up the membership applications of North and South Vietnam.

Seven votes, two short of the required minimum, were cast for inclusion in the agenda of the South Korean application. China and the Soviet Union were among six countries which voted against.—Reuter.

US group told of China's wish to avoid Korea war

From David Bonavia
Peking, Aug 6

China does not want a new military conflagration in Korea because this would affect its own economic development, a visiting American congressional group has been given to understand.

The group, headed by Senator Jacob Javits and Senator Charles Percy, today met Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, China's leading Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, the Foreign Minister, was present for a time, but apparently he has been ill and was said to have come from hospital.

One source in the American party said the Chinese gave a warning that if the Soviet Union attacked them it would be "a 20-year war". However, China's main concern seemed to be the Soviet threat to Europe after the Helsinki conference.

The American group also learnt that China dissociated itself from Soviet attempts to establish communist control in Portugal, and that Peking would still welcome a visit this year by President Ford, with or without the prospect of a substantive agenda.

FBI questions Hoffa adopted son

From Nicholas Fraser
New York, Aug 6

The adopted son of Mr James Hoffa, the missing former president of the Teamsters' Union, was being questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation today after suddenly reappearing himself.

Mr Charles O'Brien, who is a Teamster official, vanished last Thursday—the day after Mr Hoffa was last seen—and the Hoffa family have indicated that the two disappearances were in some way connected.

Mr O'Brien, who acted as Mr Hoffa's bodyguard, was also a close friend of Mr Anthony "Tony Jack" Giacalone, the reputed Mafia boss, with whom Mr Hoffa was apparently due to have lunch when he disappeared. Mr O'Brien used to call Mr Giacalone his "uncle."

The *St Louis Post-Dispatch* has reported that Mr O'Brien was seen in a car with a close associate of Mr Frank Fitzsimmons, the day after Mr Hoffa disappeared. Mr Fitzsimmons replaced Mr Hoffa as president of the Teamsters' Union and thereafter the two men became bitter enemies. Mr Hoffa repeatedly alleged that Mr Fitzsimmons had been responsible for getting him banned from participating in union activities as a condition of his release from prison.

The FBI are now going through Mr Hoffa's engagement book, which they have described as their "hottest lead" so far. The book apparently reveals that Mr Hoffa was criss-crossing the country, meeting a number of Teamster leaders, politicians and crime racketeers, as part of his campaign to regain the union presidency.

Mr Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, a former Teamsters official and cellmate of Mr Hoffa's, who is suspected of having met him the day he disappeared, has given the FBI "an airtight alibi".

"I feel no harm has come to Jimmy", he told reporters at his Florida home. "He wasn't that kind of a guy. . . . He didn't make no enemies."

Hiroshima call to abolish nuclear weapons

Hiroshima, Aug 6.—The thirtieth anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack was marked today in what the Mayor of Hiroshima, a survivor of the holocaust, called an era of chaotic nuclear competition.

"It is high time to abolish all nuclear weapons since they are threatening the extinction of the humanity we should be trying to protect", Mr Takeshi Araki said in a "peace declaration".

His message followed the ringing of a bell, and a silent prayer by about 40,000 people at Peace Memorial Park at 8.15 am, the moment the bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945, killing more than 200,000 people.

Hiroshima's memorial service will be followed by one in Nagasaki, where about 73,000 people were killed as the second American atomic bomb was dropped over the city at 11.02 am on August 9, 1945. Six days later Japan surrendered.—Reuter.

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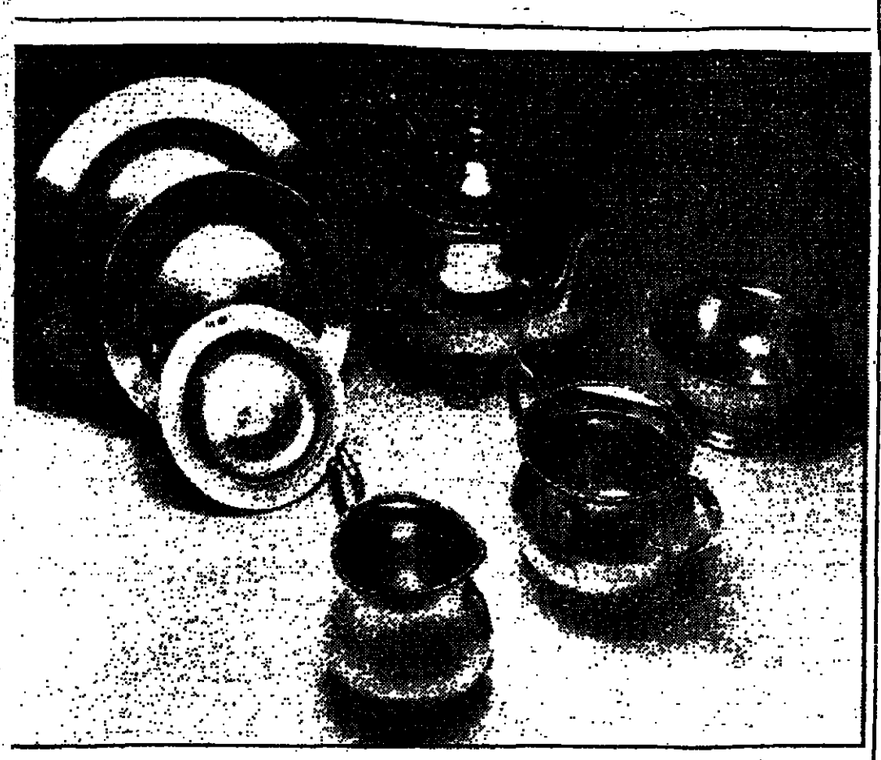
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Most of the pieces at The Pewter Centre are manufactured by Aquinas Locke, though there is a good selection of work from the other members of the ABPC. Perhaps one of the most charming sets on display is the pewter tea service shown in the photograph above. It costs £60. Pewter tea services were in vogue long before silver became fashionable. Pewter (for *Upstairs, Downstairs* readers) does not need polishing.

Pewter is essentially English. A native craft which deserves to be appreciated again. There is a splendid booklet called *Pewter* which is free from the Tin Research Institute, Fraser Road, Perivale, Middlesex (01-997 4254), which tells you all about the past, present and the future of the metal.



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BOOKS

Patrick Geddes: inspired but maddening

A Most Unsettling Person

An Introduction to the Ideas and Life of Patrick Geddes

By Paddy Kitchen

(*Gollancz*, £6.50)

It is a little ironic that Sir Patrick Geddes has so far been remembered, in the footnotes of architectural history, as one of the pioneers of the Town Planning movement of the 1900s, a designer of living cities and an early prophet of the science—or religion—of "Civics". For the key to his life story lies in the fact that this zealous and indomitable Scot, who started his career as a biology demonstrator under T. H. Huxley in London, and finished it as the first Professor of Sociology and Civics at the University of Bombay, never actually executed a single town plan, nor saw even one of his city designs realized in bricks and mortar, nor ever managed to crystallize his ideas about Civics in any definitive book or doctrine.

At best one can speak, like Paddy Kitchen, of a "Geddesian approach". The rest is a strange heap of lecture notes and Life Charts, of survey reports and 20-page letters, of anecdotes and exotic memoirs recalling a host of explosive encounters. In the wake of Geddes's erratic missionary path across Scotland, France, America and the Middle East, bob a shoal of other millennial figures, Kropotkin and Elisée Reclus, John Dewey and William James, Andrew Carnegie and Swami Vivekananda, Gandhi and Tagore and Lewis Mumford. But the tangible consequences of it all are illusive. As C. R. Ashbee wrote after the "Geddes scourge" had passed over the newly-established mandate of Palestine in 1919-1921: *Geddes's great achievement in life has been the making of a bridge between Biology and Social Science, thus giving a fresh clue to reconstruction, to civics and the town plan. His is, I think, one of the synthetic minds of our time. But he is very tiresome about it, and always when you think you are just going to get something done, when the thing is within your grasp, you hear the mocking chorus of the birds. The reality escapes you. You lean back and listen to Aristophanes.*

There have been two previous attempts—both by Geddes's disciples—Philip Boardman (1944), and Philip Mairet (1957). But certainly as a personal portrait, Paddy Kitchen's present book is fuller and rounder than either, and is remarkably vivid and convincing in its sense of human contradictions. The inspired but maddening crusader of the middle years, with his great winged tufts of centrally parted hair and red illuminist beard, popularly and admiringly known in the Edinburgh slums as "the Professor" (though it was precisely Edinburgh University who resisted his twenty-year siege of all its professorial chairs), is sensitively located in the earnest childhood at "Mount Tabor" cottage on the hillsides above Perth.

His parentage explains much. Geddes's father was a regular soldier in the Black Watch, a devout kirk-goer, and a fanatical gardener. His mother was a



schoolmistress who bore early blindness with impressive fortitude. Miss Kitchen shows how Geddes's powerful temperament and characteristic intellectual grip were formed of these materials. The shock of his own near blindness in his twenties, for instance, was the main reason why he forsook the microscope for the street plan, science for social conscience, and made that historic "bridge" between cell life and city life. Again, his father's vegetable garden, with its regimented grids of fruitful disorder, had a weirdly direct effect on Geddes's later, highly original methods of three-dimensional teaching: his chequer-board "thinking machines" and life charts; his four storey Outlook Tower museum, and his brilliant City Exhibitions with their cunning maze of photographs, press-cuttings, relief maps and street plans.

Paddy Kitchen also shows, with long but skilful extracts from his highly rhetorical letters, something of the magic that Geddes must have had as a teacher, lecturer and exhibition organizer. Indeed it is as a publicist, as an inexhaustible jay preacher, and as something of a financial mountebank (Edinburgh accountants accused him of charlatanism with some reason), that Geddes comes through most forcibly. Yet often it is his simplest remarks that go deepest. He once set his young daughter Norah an essay question: "What became of yesterday's sunshine?" which besides its purely intellectual provocation (a green leaf, a glass of wine, a photograph . . .) has a characteristically poetic power to make one see daily objects afresh: *ou sont les neiges d'antan?*

But once the focus moves beyond Geddes's immediate impact on his family, his friends, and his long-tried disciples, Paddy Kitchen's book falters. The "Geddesian approach" to the town survey, perhaps his major contribution to sociology, with its emphasis on detailed diagnostic reporting of the human impact on urban environment, and vice versa (his famous Folk-Work-Place equation), goes very largely unexamined. The same is true of the Geddesian approach to the mobile exhibition, evoking a notion of civics beyond "gas and drains" which is never properly clarified. Nor is there any serious attempt to place Geddes's work within the historical context of the Urban Renewal movement, of Patrick Abercrombie, of Raymond Unwin, of the young Lewis Mumford; and even less to relate it to later developments in the work of Paul Goodman, or Buckminster Fuller (a teacher whom Geddes partly prefigures, though lacking the magic Dome). Geddes's actual influence remains in doubt. So the book is, finally, what the author modestly claims, "An Introduction"; and not, alas, the hoped-for monument.

One is left, too, with the fundamental enigma of Geddes's career unanswered; *why* didn't his "Castles in the air" ever become "Castles of stone"? What accounts for the endless and, at the last, inevitable trail of abortive schemes which mark the decades of his career between 1880 and 1930, at Dunfermline, London, Paris, Dublin, Indore and Jerusalem? Was it really a question of being before his time; or was it the inescapable difficulty of his personality (his son Alasdair wrote frankly: "no human being could live as well as work with PG and survive"); or was it something more deeply ingrained in the original Folk-Work-Place? Philip Mairet recounts that at Mount Tabor, in the early days before Geddes's militant humanism, "Nehemiah's rebuilding of Jerusalem was a significant favourite" in the daily Bible reading with his father. One wonders perhaps if, in his heart of hearts, Patrick Geddes never really believed in cities of stone at all, but only in the *civitas Dei*. It's a forbidding thought to bring away from a hopeful book.

Richard Holmes

Middle Eastern virus

Publish it Not....

The Middle East Cover-up

By Michael Adams and Christopher Mayhew

(*Longmans*, £5)

There seems to be some kind of infection about the Arab-Israeli question which can only be cured by writing a book about it. The latest journalists to try a cure—having had the virus for some time—are Christopher Mayhew and Michael Adams, who have also been tireless workers in the cause of Arab Palestine. They say in the concluding paragraph of this book: "Our main concern has been to obtain some redress for the terrible wrongs done to Palestinians."

In that sentence, however, lies a basic confusion about this book's purpose. To judge from its title the authors set out to expose the long standing suppression of real facts about Zionism and Israel—a descriptive, rather than a prescriptive task. But, and this is where the old infection comes in, the authors did not leave it at that. Instead they go on to give an orthodox anti-Zionist analysis of Israel, her place in the world, the balance of power and her possible future. They conclude with the meaningless statement that "it's impossible to justify the continuance of the state of Israel on any legal, historical or moral grounds", since Israel apparently rests on expediency and no other legal, historical or moral "right". One might ask what state does have an absolute right to exist? A state either has the power to exist with or without the consent of its neighbours, or like, say, Luxembourg, it exists by the consent of its neighbours. But in no case by right.

However, before they mounted these more predictable platforms, the authors provided some interesting anecdotal evidence about the work of the Zionist lobby in Britain, and how legitimate criticism of Israeli policies—and of Zionism as a whole—has so often been suppressed on the quite spurious grounds of anti-Semitism.

They write: *What is the secret of the astounding political success of the Zionist lobby? It is to be found mainly in the degree of commitment and dedication to Israel of many influential Jewish people, going far beyond the sympathy for Eire felt by many British citizens of Irish extraction, the nostalgic identification with Pakistan of many Pakistani emigrés. The commitment to Israel of many Jewish people is passionate, purposeful and elaborately organized. Moreover, it is encouraged and exploited for her own purposes by Israel in a manner which the Irish and Pakistani governments wisely abjure.*

They show how the Treasury put up with the seepage of allegedly charitable funds to Israel which turned out to be unconnected with any accepted charitable organizations; how the BBC responded blithely to their well founded criticism of bias. But although they specifically disclaim any belief in an international conspiracy or in a newspaper conspiracy, they do not explain very satisfactorily why they believe that Israel evaded the usual kind of criticism for so many years. It cannot simply have been a collective guilt complex in western Europe. One thing they seem to have ignored is the fact that journalists visiting Israel find it easier to acquire information, in spite of the censorship, than it is in most Arab countries. There is usually a shared culture, often a common language, and familiar institutions, which mean that Israel, at the working level, is likely to receive more favourable treatment from journalists than do the closed, secretive, often conspiratorial polities of her Arab neighbours.

One other revelation of great interest is the passage from the diary of Yossef Weitz, never published in English, which shows convincingly that the displacement of Arab refugees in 1948 was specifically and intentionally promoted and exploited by Israeli officials. That may sound like an academic historical point to outsiders, but anybody who has suffered from the Middle East virus (and they may be the only people who read this book) will know that historical though it may be it remains a very important point of argument to this day.

Charles Douglas-Home

Poetry

A Stevie Smith poem is immediately recognizable. Tottering on the edge of doggerel, her art was a habit of never quite falling over. Or if she did fall, she would make it look like a dive. At her best she was very simple and very good:

O lovers true
And others too
Whose best is only better
Take my advice
Shun compromise
Forget him and forget her

She differed most from her contemporaries in her adherence to a belief in inspiration. "All the poet has to do is to listen", she said once. "The poet is not an important fellow. There will always be another poet." But not another with quite her ear for the oddnesses of speech, the way slang can sing, or tired words from the hymnal stand up and dance. The language will miss her. The *Collected Poems of Stevie Smith* (Allen Lane, £8.50) puts together the contents of all her published books, including the doodles with which she liked to decorate them. I could have done without these drawings—they misrepresent her seriousness. There was a fierce mind under that floral hat.

Alan Ross's *Open Sea* (London Magazine Editions, £2.25 or £1.25) brings together his war poems, and confirms an impression that they comprise his best work. He is essentially an observer, and his experiences in destroyers on the Arctic convoy route and then in Germany in the immediate postwar period gave him plenty to observe:

Something (but what?) could be made of this.
Two U-boat officers turning to piss
In swastika shapes against a wall.

His verse is interesting when it does not seek to "make" anything of events, but only to report them—which he can do with honesty and an unforced sensuality.

Finally, brief recommendations for three books. *Some Sweet Day* (Oxford, £1.95) is a sequence of poems by a young poet, Hugo Williams, with a lyrical gift reminiscent of Hart Crane's. There is unusual intensity at work here—Williams makes his meanings clear, when his feelings are not. *Sons of My Skin* is Peter Redgrove's selected poems 1954-1974 (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £3.95 and £1.75), a good introduction to a prodigal talent, well assembled and introduced by Marie Peel, although her prefatory essay misses the humour that transfigures Redgrove's surrealism. *The Kensington Mass* (Agenda Editions, 5 Cranbourne Court, Albert Bridge Road, London SW11 4PE, £1.50) is the unfinished draft of a poem on which David Jones was working at the time of his death. It is a fragment, but in its liturgical preoccupations a crucial one, and besides Jones is a figure of sufficient importance to make even his uncompleted works of interest.

Robert Nye

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There is nothing on contemporary food, but technology is not just fish-fingers and meat analog. It is, also, the introduction of the fork which revolutionized eating habits in the seventeenth century. The aspirations of working-class immigrants to the New World, we learn, did not include kitchen work so women without hired labour demanded mixers, beaters, peelers and more efficient ovens. Basic social information such as this crowds the pages and we see how, through the ages, meal times were times when social and sexist divisions were most acute. Those Greek and Roman males reclined on one elbow their women banned, or at best crouched submissively at the end of the couch.

The pictures are the core of the book: hundreds in monochrome, 72 in beautiful colour reproduction. There are a lot of naked Greek gentlemen obviously having great problems collecting honey; stiff medieval figures gaze bleakly at their sparse fare: there is happy, smiling activity in Persian kitchens and the expected delicacy of Chinese drawings of restaurants and take-away shops, not so different from today. Perhaps it is true that through food we reach the past and see the present.

The final section offers a carefully chosen and beautifully composed collection of recipes from the various periods from Apicius to early American. All may be created easily in the modern kitchen and the results of those I have tried are admirable. It is a pity there is no index, and since the text is, perhaps inevitably, somewhat generalised, a booklist of sources would have been very useful.

Roger Baker

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Short stories

After Geneva, by John Becker (London Magazine Editions, £3.50). This is as fresh as the best watercolours but so individual that it frees itself of all comparisons. John Becker has been around: he has presented work by leading international artists in the gallery he ran in New York and, living and writing now in London after jobs that included research in the Illinois State Penitentiary and service for the Red Cross, he has collected his first pieces of fiction. (His endearing book of verse mainly for children, *New Feathers for the Old Goose*, is published by Routledge at £1.) The nine stories in *After Geneva*, all for adults, are enjoyable in any order or can be read together as a novel.

Each episode is linked by Jaimie who moves, sometimes heroically, through about four decades in almost all circumstances and moods from contemporary Sparta to Eaton Square. A sketch of his Chicago boyhood begins in genial humour: he partially escapes from opulent, exclusive, inattentive parents; privacy is joyfully and painfully lost, and affections shared, with dashing servants. Later Jaimie becomes dedicated to homeopathic healing, and the book's strength is in hospital scenes where his daughter's will for health is restored. Sensitively clear, it is the finest holiday reading that increases one's involvement with life.

Myrna Blumberg

Mr Wrong, by Elizabeth Jane Howard (Cape, £2.50). The title story of a car haunted by a murdered girl is enough to put one off driving (not to say the M1) forever—two ghost stories in this collection, and some subtle miseries of family and married life expertly dissected, including a bullied child actress, aged 12 but forced to be 8, who gets her own back on an awful stage mother. Nine good ones out of nine, in fact.

First Love, Last Rites, by Ian McEwan (Cape, £2.50). Love and death are closely entwined in Ian McEwan's world of the oddity, the child molester, the misfit, the cast-off and unwanted. In his first volume of stories, he proves a compelling, if chilling writer, the imagery remaining in the memory, even if the sensation is of "growing dishevelment and unease" as in the title story of two lovers whose lives grow dimmer, greyer, grimier and nastier with the flourishing of a rat in the wainscoting.

Roller Ball Murder, and other stories, by William Harrison (Robson Books, £2.75). A varied selection from an American writer, showing a faintly zany, screwball quality even in the most sinister circumstances. A pleasant sidelight on small town American virtues in "The Pinball Machines" is contrasted with the more alarming ones: "Roller Ball Murder" set in about 40 years time, is a murderous sport (with real corpses), which entrances huge international TV audiences. The most frightening one concerns a fireman with a fire wish, rather than a death wish. Not, on the whole, for the nervous.

P.T.

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Shattering impact on Middle East of any failure to agree

House of Commons

During questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Middle East.

MR LUCE (Shoreham, C) said: In view of the two roles the United States play in this, would Mr Callaghan impress on Dr Kissinger the need to urge Israel and the Arabs to make substantial concessions in the next few weeks if a further war is to be averted?

Is it not Government policy to oppose anyone who urges that Israel be expelled from the United Nations? Equally does he not agree we should expect Israel to desist in the policy of building settlements in occupied territory?

MR CALLAGHAN—President Ford and Dr Kissinger are deeply concerned that there should be a speedy conclusion to the current round of talks leading to an interim agreement in August. There is hardly need for me to press this on them. They are fully aware of the consequences of the situation.

The Government have made it utterly clear and I repeat, that I am not willing to ask the Government representative at the United Nations to support a motion to expel or exclude Israel. If that was done, it would have a serious effect on the United Nations. I have argued that the universality of the United Nations is an important principle for us to observe. I have no particular knowledge of settlements. (Labour interruptions.)

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—I am staggered at Mr Callaghan's last comment that he has no knowledge. It has been going on for many years and is the major stumbling block of any prospect of a settlement.

MR CALLAGHAN—I have a feeling there is another side to the case.

MR CALLAGHAN added later: The prospects of failure to reach some interim agreement in August could have a shattering impact on the Middle East.

We are constantly discussing whether the foreign ministers of the EEC should take an initiative and we keep in close contact with the United States, Israel, Egypt and other confrontation states on this matter. So far our joint opinion is that it would not be fruitful for the EEC to take a political initiative.

MR CHURCHILL (Stretford, C)—Is there not severe danger that even if a settlement is achieved, all the efforts of the British Government and other interested parties could be brought to nought by the sheer weight and volume of military hardware that has been and is continuing to flow into this potential area of conflict?

The ratio has been in excess of two to one from the Soviet Union to the Arab neighbours of Israel compared with anything coming from the United States in recent months.

MR CALLAGHAN—There is a great flow of arms into the Middle East. It is one of the most disquieting features of the situation.

I have discussed it with my colleagues and others. If I thought there was a chance of getting agreement on this subject I would jump at it irrespective of the consequences for work here or anything else. But it would involve the Soviet Union as well as the United States, parties themselves in the Middle East, and it is not yet clear that they would support it. I fear there is no prospect at the present time. It is something we have constantly to work at if we see the faintest chance of bringing it about.

Government went beyond spirit of Act in letting Ombudsman see documents

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), in a statement about the supply of minutes of the Cabinet and of the relevant Cabinet committees to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration in connexion with Court Line, said the policy now questioned was settled in 1966, and accepted by Parliament in that year. He continued:—

Section 8 (4) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 says that "No person shall be required or authorized by virtue of this Act to furnish any information or answer any question relating to proceedings of the Cabinet or of any committee of the Cabinet or to produce so much of any document as relates to such proceedings; and for the purposes of this sub-section a certificate issued by the Secretary of the Cabinet with the approval of the Prime Minister and certifying that any information, question, document or part of a document so relates shall be conclusive".

Secrecy

On November 15 1966, when the Bill was before this House, this was not an issue between the parties. During its committee stage the then Financial Secretary said, and this was accepted: "I do not think that there is any issue of substance between us. We are all agreed that we want to preserve the rule of Cabinet secrecy, and that, even though we have gone very far in this Bill in waiving Crown privilege, it is right to retain it for Cabinet papers.

"This, of course, means broadly not only the minutes of Cabinet proceedings themselves, but other Cabinet business, including, of course, papers which are prepared prior to proceedings and which are discussed at proceedings. There is no issue about that."

This was accepted by the Opposition spokesman and a clarifying Opposition amendment was withdrawn. The then Opposition was firmly opposed to disclosure of Cabinet proceedings.

As I made clear in the House yesterday, this has remained the policy of successive governments.

When the Parliamentary Commissioner was asked to consider the Court Line case, it was necessary to decide which documents fell within the terms of Section 8 (4) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act. In order to be as forthcoming as possible, the Secretary of the Cabinet, with my approval, confined his certificate to those documents which constituted or recorded the actual transactions of a Cabinet committee as distinct from the drafts of Cabinet committee papers which could on a strict interpretation have been withheld under the terms of Section 8 (4).

The Parliamentary Commissioner was also told the outcome of a Cabinet committee's deliberations, and this he records in paragraph 47 of his report, although he was not shown the committee's papers. To that extent, the Government went beyond the 1965 policy in terms of disclosure.

The Parliamentary Commissioner has since made it plain that, contrary to some allegations, he did not ask to see documents which were withheld. He has also said publicly that he has no reason to believe that seeing the documents would have made any difference to his investigation.

I thought it right to take the time of the House in this brief statement so that the important debate that will be held today should not be clouded or confused by allegations not relevant to matters before the House, nor for that matter true.

MRS THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We accept Mr Wilson's statement of the legal position under Section 8 (4) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act, and I, of course, accept the assurance given by the then spokesman for the Opposition, the late Mr William Roots. It would seem to follow that the assurance given by Mr Benn, which led holidaymakers to take a course of action other than that which they would have taken, must be attributed fully to the responsibility of the Government of the day.

If Mr Benn in any way exceeded his authority, that is a matter for the Prime Minister—(Labour protests)—and between the Prime Minister and Mr Benn.

Until that time, we must assume that the doctrine of collective responsibility must mean that the Government were fully responsible for the assurance then given.

MR WILSON—The Government accept full responsibility. I accept full responsibility, and the minister was speaking in that sense in the House.

Today the House will debate the issue of what was said by Mr Benn on that occasion. The issue to which I have been forced to draw attention by totally tendentious statements in the press is the issue of whether I, as alleged, withheld, to protect me or anybody else, documents from the Parliamentary Commissioner, documents which he wanted or had a right to expect.

Misunderstanding

Mrs Thatcher was right. The House took the view that those documents should not be forthcoming. We went beyond the spirit of the Act by allowing to go documents which were not envisaged at the time in the Act. We have done that, and I hope that the House will be able to debate the serious issues in this matter.

But there is no reason why the House should be misled or confused by the newspaper pantomime of the last two days which was not only based on a complete misunderstanding of the Act, despite the fact that *The Times* reported the Bill correctly at the time and had leading articles approving various measures in the Bill, but also that they did not pursue the normal journalists' practice of checking before publishing with my office, the allegations which they were making.

Strong warning to holidaymakers would have led within hours to Court Line collapse

MR SHORE, Secretary of State for Trade (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab), opening a debate on Court Line Limited, said the collapse of the group of companies which included the largest air travel operator, was not because of the actions of the Government but in spite of their serious efforts to avert it. The story of the events that led to the collapse must await the final reports of the inspectors, but it was clear that the strength of Court Line had been irreparably sapped by its own management decisions and the problems of the air line industry.

The collapse had shown the inadequacy of the arrangements made under the Civil Aviation Act, 1971, to safeguard holidaymakers. The fallback bonding scheme was insufficient in scale to compensate for the losses involved.

The Government had not dismissed the reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner or the Department of Trade inspectors. It recognized that the reports had been prepared with scrupulous care. If they were seeking an easy way out they could have accepted the reports and offered an apology.

We have considered their findings (he said) with a care matching that of the authors of these reports and we have concluded with reluctance and respect, we simply cannot agree.

According to the inspectors, the Government were right to offer to buy the shipbuilding subsidiary for £1m.

The Government's statement on June 26 was not in any way untrue or reckless.

The Government made an honest and careful assessment of the information available to them. There was little difference between the inspector's report and that of the Commissioner who confirmed that what was done and said, was done and said in good faith. The Government's statement had been based essentially on the financial information supplied by Court Line, and critically examined by officials as far as possible.

The question raised was whether the Government had been in a position to express unqualified confidence and the Parliamentary Commissioner had said that undue confidence should not have been created or maintained.

The Government held the view that the use of such words as "this should stabilize the situation in respect of Court Line interests" or "holidaymakers should have some reasonable security" fell short of expressions of unqualified confidence, let alone constitured a

Statements made by the Government were of a different character to the unqualified confidence expressed by Court Line directors.

What would have been the effect if a slightly more cautious statement by the Government had been made? Both reports had drawn attention to the draft supplementary answer included in Mr Benn's brief. The question was never asked, but if it had come the answer would have been:

"Obviously, I cannot give a guarantee about an independent commercial operation, but certainly people's prospects of getting their holidays have been greatly improved by the Government's actions".

Can we believe (he said) this would have had any serious deterrent effect on prospective holidaymakers?

If the Government had given a strong warning to holidaymakers and implied they were seriously worried about the state of the company against the information they had before them, there could be no doubt that Court Line would have been brought to the point of collapse within hours of that statement. (Labour cheers.)

If that had happened (he said) and if the Government had made a statement in June, 1974, that brought Court Line to collapse, we can well imagine what charges would have been made.

It would have been said, that owing to an incautious statement at a time when confidence was a crucial importance, the Government had unnecessarily brought disaster to a viable enterprise and the hundreds and thousands of people it served.

Judging by the kind of statements they had had from Mr Heseltine, the Government would have been accused not only of destroying a great free enterprise firm, but of deliberately doing so. There would have been a demand for an investigation by the Parliamentary Commissioner into our alleged mismanagement of the whole affair.

The whole of this debate in a sense (he said) is how far is too far. It is the finest possible point of judgment. There is a dilemma, and one not confined to Court Line. There will always be a case under any government where a company known, or suspected to be, in financial difficulty, perhaps only temporarily, is discussing with the Government some form of financial assistance. It is right that the House and public should as far as possible be kept informed. There is a problem in deciding what to say. The Government must come to a view about the longer-term effects.

I invite the House to consider as a general problem whether in a case of this kind any statement could be made which does not run the risk that someone, somewhere, may be possibly misled in the light of subsequent and unforeseeable events.

It was wrong to say that all the Air Travel reserve fund was doing was to pay Court Line holidaymakers out of the pockets of future holidaymakers. In view of the arrangements the Government were convinced that it would not be right for the Government to make any further contribution to the fund. There had been certain aspects of the attack which the House should know.

When I set up my inquiry under the Companies Act (he said) which was as thorough and independent as such reports are, my action then was greeted by Mr Heseltine with these words: "It is incredible that the Government should have set up an inquiry to investigate Court Line, but should make no attempt to subject their own behaviour to the same independent examination".

The report made it abundantly clear that for the first time in recent history two Cabinet ministers willingly subjected themselves to the cross-examination of the inspectors for every possible piece of information that the two Government departments made available. That was right but it was not right to make that accusation when he made it.

The magazine *Accountancy Age* published confidential extracts dealing with the affairs of Court Line. Mr Heseltine, Opposition spokesman on industry, was chairman of the company that produced that magazine for some years.

What his connexions are with it now (he said) I do not know, but I am sure the House would wish to be assured that Mr Heseltine played no part in what was, to put it mildly, a serious breach of confidence.

Fairminded MPs on all sides of the House recognized smear tactics when they saw them. To attack the Government's judgment was one thing, but to attack its good faith was another thing, and cast doubt on the integrity of independent investigatory bodies such as the inspectors and Parliamentary Commissioner could only do harm to the confidence of the way affairs were handled in Britain and to the reputation of Parliament itself.

Action sought on squatting

MR CORDLE (Bournemouth, East, C) was given leave to introduce the Empty Housing (Prevention of Squatting) Bill to make it illegal for people to occupy empty premises without the permission of the owner.

He said that it would deal effectively and at once with the national scourge of squatting which had become a rampant social evil. Active leaders were political extremists determined to cause the maximum possible nuisance and annoyance to individuals and public authority. To deal with the menace of squatting and the conspiracy to trespass, the law must be amended. The present legal position was nothing short of absurd.

At present someone could commit an offence by making a forcible entry, but thereafter no offence was committed by anyone who merely walked through the open door. Action must be speedy to sweep away the old law and enact a new code to deal with this anarchistic menace.

The attitude of squatters to the rule of law was hypocritical. They were content to break the law to gain initial entry and thereafter sought to claim the protection of the law to continue in possession. It was imperative that this menace to society should be recognized as a criminal threat and dealt with by the criminal courts and by the police.

A man who returned home from holiday should be entitled to call the police to restore his home to him. If that were the law it would accord with common sense and justice. The present law did nothing to deter squatting.

The new law should enact that each person who remained on property having been ordered to leave by the owner committed an offence punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine. It should provide a further deterrent by enabling the owner to claim compensation calculated by the value of their occupation to the offending squatters. That payment of money would be equivalent to rent.

Ministers should have sought outside advice

MR HESELTINE, Opposition spokesman on industry (Henley, C), said he was a major shareholder in the company which produced *Accountancy Age* and was chairman before the 1970 general election. He had never spoken to the editor or the publisher or any member of the staff of *Accountancy Age* about the Court Line affair.

Mr Shore could have discovered that himself by asking any one of them. The charge had caused great offence to the editor and staff of that magazine who, in pursuit of their journalistic profession, undarthed the information themselves.

What I severely resent (he went on) is that first in the House of Lords last week and here now Mr Shore has at the end of a reasonable speech on a difficult matter sought to embarrass me in this way. He should withdraw his allegations.

The critical point arose on June 19, some 14 days after the National Westminster Bank advised the company to go to the Department of Industry. One criticism is that over the course of that weekend there did not appear to have been recourse to independent or ouside advice. The Government relied totally on the advice of the directors of Court Line or their professional advisers or bankers.

It would have been better if the Industrial Development Advisory Board set up under the Industry Act for this purpose had been given at least some opportunity to be involved in the process. He did not accept the view that there was not time to involve them.

When the deal was agreed the Inspectors undoubtedly came to the conclusion that the rescue was reasonable. In the critical period which the Government then faced the first draft statement, produced by civil servants but which went to the first Cabinet subcommittee presumably with a supporting document from the Secretary of State (Mr Benn), made it clear that the responsibility for the judgment about the holidays was firmly that of the company.

It was also fair to say that there was prepared by the same civil servants a draft supplementary reply which had exactly the same effect as that of the first draft statement. It added nothing to it. The defence he had heard put forward, that the Secretary of State if he had been asked a supplementary question would have used that reply as though this was a means of protecting the situation, was a misunderstanding of the way that supplementary reply came to be on the files in the first place.

His guess was that it was on the files because civil servants had put it there at an earlier moment and it remained there because it reflected their judgment, a judgment which led to the preparation of the first statement which was not made.

It was not possible to argue that simply its existence showed that there was an intention to reveal the full situation in the event of a supplementary question making it possible.

They then moved to a situation in which the Government decided, in a discussion not made available to MPs, on the preparation of a second statement, a statement which put behind the judgment about the viability of the holidays the opinion of the Government. This was the critical point, the critical decision made by the Cabinet subcommittee on the second draft. He assumed the decision was deliberate and conscious.

The two reports (he said) had made the point after independent inquiry that however anguished the decision for the Government must have been—and it must have been an extremely anguished decision—to come to the point at which to create a confidence which the events should not have entitled the Government to create, it would not seem right that the Government should have introduced the second statement as opposed to the first.

It was not of critical importance what the Government thought the statement meant but it was of critical importance what the holidaymakers thought it meant.

On that point the reports were clear. However fine a judgment, however much anguish ministers must have had over the situation, in the end they produced a statement which gave a credibility to the holidaymakers' judgment which otherwise they probably would not have had.

For that the Government must accept responsibility. They should have anticipated precisely that point. The Government ought to have anticipated that their words would be used in order to try to reassure people in a way the Government had no entitlement to do.

The inspectors came to the conclusion that the Government were optimistic. Both reports came to the conclusion that although there must have been a temptation for the Government to issue more optimistic statements than the events justified simply to maintain a degree of confidence, it was not within the duty of the Government to so issue optimistic statements, however politically easier it made the current situation for them.

It must now be accepted that the overwhelming judgment of the two inquiries had been accepted by those commentators who had examined what they had to say, every single editorial he had read had supported the judgment of the two findings and called upon the Secretary of State for Energy to apologize to the House.

He asked Mr Benn to consider doing just that. To fail to do it put the Ombudsman in a very prejudiced position. It would be a great disservice to that institution if it should be found in future that the lowest in the land would be compelled to accept the findings of the Ombudsman but on the first time that the highest in the land was subjected to the inquiry and the findings went against him the Government rejected the findings out of hand. (Conservative cheers.)

MR CLEMITSON (Luton, East, Lab) said the sufferings and misfortunes of many people had been exploited by the Conservatives who had strained at the gnat of the Government statement and had swallowed the incompetence and irresponsibility of the Court Line directors without so much as a hiccup.

MR FLETCHER-COOKE (Darwen, C) said that a sharp knock had been delivered to the office and position of the Parliamentary Commissioner. The prize which the Government were gaining from this rejection was so tiny compared with the damage they were doing that it was a matter for tears rather than for anger.

MR RICHARD WAINWRIGHT (Colne Valley, L) said that the unanimous verdict of three distinguished professional inspectors had been dismissed in one sentence in the statement by the Secretary of State. That damaged public confidence. The evidence should have been accepted, on the basis that they were comments by a disinterested person supported by all three other disinterested people and overruled by people who could not deny that they were highly interested.

MR MICHAEL STEWART (Hammersmith, Fulham, Lab) said governments ought not to express their judgment on the Ombudsman's report before Parliament had seen the report. Generally it would be a good thing if the select committee had a go at the matter before the Government commit themselves.

There was weighty reason on the question of confidence why the Government should not tilt too far in the other direction and express less confidence than was warranted. Court Line would have folded up sooner and a great number of other firms would have suffered.

MR ELDON GRIFFITHS (Bury St Edmunds, C) said it could not be disputed that Mr Benn's statement had led holidaymakers to believe that they could safely maintain their reservations with Court Line or make new reservations. The fact that thousands of people lost their money as a result of the statement meant that the Secretary of State must be held responsible.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said the Parliamentary Commissioner had moved beyond his remit. His function was to investigate matters referred to him of maladministration.

This is a political judgment (he said). If the Government had not acted in the way they did, Court Line would have collapsed that much earlier and many thousands of other people on holiday would have found themselves stranded.

MR MICHAEL HAMILTON (Salisbury, C) said when the Parliamentary Commissioner criticized a government that criticism was roundly deserved and that was the case in the Court Line affair.

MR SEDGEMORE (Luton, West, Lab) said what must be asked was where was the dividing line between administration and policy? If the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a statement based on the economic facts known to him and made a judgment which specifically led speculators to lose money, was that statement to be the subject of an inquiry by the Ombudsman?

Both sides demand textile import controls

MR VARLEY, Secretary of State for Industry (Chesterfield, Lab), opening a debate on the textile, clothing and footwear industries, said the object of the Government's textile policy was to maintain a prosperous internationally competitive industry without permanent special protection but with effective safeguards against any import disruption.

A smaller streamlined industry with viable producers and better paid jobs was visualized. There were still too many weak units operating in many sectors of the industry. Its post-war history was one of continuing decline in production of cotton and to a lesser extent wool textiles.

The downward trend had not been accompanied by long-term unemployment and there had been substantial development of the man-made fibres in the cotton and wool sectors and an expansion of knitting.

Governments had helped positively to encourage the process of adaptation in the industry. The financial support given could be frustrated if other measures were not taken. The Government were regulating the pace of change to what was socially and economically acceptable. The need was to give the industry time to adjust.

The industry was in the grip of a major downturn in the textile cycle, which was worldwide. About 54,000 whole-time and part-time workers were unemployed, 7 per cent of the workforce.

If Britain cut imports retaliation was likely. Greek and Turkish cotton yarn imports had been restricted and Turkey had taken action against chemical, plastic, and engineering goods from Britain.

The Government had been in discussions with the management and unions in the footwear industry on their problems which were similar to those of textiles. He hoped to be able to make a statement about the possibility of assistance in the weeks ahead.

Government departments had been asked to ensure so far as possible that they got their requirements of textiles, clothing and footwear from British manufacturers. He looked to other purchasers in the public sector to be guided by the same principle.

The Secretary of State for Social Services (Mrs Castle) had taken strong action in issuing instructions in this sense to the regional health authorities.

Fundamentally, the industries were suffering, like many others, from the world recession which the Government could not by themselves cure.

MR FLETCHER-COOKE (Darwen, C), for the Opposition, said if Mr Varley looked after the textile workers as well as he looked after the miners they would be pleased.

In present economic circumstances it was wrong that £20m should be made available to the industry. This was not the right way to help.

Countries would retaliate if they were singled out for import controls and from their point of view it would be highly invidious. A more general form of protection did not suffer from the same invidiousness.

MR LAMOND (Oldham, East, Lab) said it might be necessary in the near future to place across-the-board import controls to save industry generally. The textile industry would then seize the opportunity to widen the gap that would thus be opened. If the Government did not act the British textile industry would disappear in the near future.

SIR GEOFFREY De FREITAS (Kettering, Lab) said there was a serious falling away in demand in the home market for British footwear. There were imports at artificially low prices from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania.

MR CYRIL SMITH (Rochdale, L) said that successive governments had stood by while the textile industry died. This was an industry which was highly modernized, had an excellent record of industrial relations, played a full part in helping the country's economy in terms of exports, and which had a total labour force of 900,000. It was the third largest industry in the country. MPs demanded that it had the same treatment as that handed out to many other industries.

The Government should restrict imports and give serious consideration to the textile purchasing agency suggested by the textile union.

MR TORNEY (Bradford, South, Lab) said that there should be a reversal of policy on import controls. The Government should find out how much retaliation there was likely to be.

MR BOSCAWEN (Wells, C) said that there had to be more encouragement to the entrepreneurial zest in the footwear industry.

MR DAN JONES (Burnley, Lab) said that there should be a directive to industry to buy in this country. This could make a substantial contribution to the productive capacity of the textile industry. There should be a ruthless examination of dumping.

Reckless Tory charges repudiated by reports

MR WHITELAW, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C), said if the public began to feel the government of the day would reject any of the Ombudsman's reports which they did not like or found inconvenient, then a valuable safeguard in the parliamentary institution would be seriously undermined. That would do harm to the relationship between Government, Parliament and the public.

I am not suggesting (he said) that the Government must accept every Ombudsman's report but I do maintain that they should only reject a finding exceptionally and for good reasons.

The Ombudsman's report and the departmental report both agreed that errors of judgment were made. On reading the evidence it was impossible to arrive at any other conclusion. The Government had to give confidence in Court Line and not to give assurances to the public they simply were not in a position to give. The Government had to steer a balance between those two and had erred the wrong way.

An error of judgment had been made. There could be no great blame on a minister who made an error of judgment in a crisis situation.

He (Mr Whitelaw) had made mistakes in a crisis situation and had always been ready to admit them. (Labour interruptions and Conservative cheers.) It was usually, wise to admit one's mistakes. In doing so Mr Benn would uphold the strong position of the Ombudsman and strengthen parliamentary democracy.

MR WEDGWOOD BENN, Secretary of State for Energy (Bristol, South-East, Lab), said he accepted full personal responsibility for all the decisions taken by the Government last year, for the statements that he made in the House, and for his relations with his civil servants which had been brought to the attention of the House in detail.

For over a year the Opposition had been engaged in fanning the wild and reckless charges made against ministers which had been wholly and completed repudiated by what the two reports said.

There were serious criticisms in the reports. But they were not directed against the Government's integrity, good faith, public mindedness, honesty or the care with which they had approached the matter. Both reports made criticisms and allotted some share of responsibility to the Government for the loss of the holidaymakers. There was no hint or suggestion in the reports that the Government were in any way responsible for the collapse of Court Line.

Both reports recognised that Court Line would have collapsed at the time they came to the Government if the Government had not stepped in. In this situation, more holidaymakers would have lost their holidays, the shipyard workers might have had their jobs at risk, and the orders for the ships would have been renegotiated at different prices or at least would have been vulnerable to renegotiation if the company in question had gone through a receivership.

Court Line failed because of circumstances that had nothing to do with the Government and because the directors of Court Line had totally mishandled their own finances and were not able to give the Government, let alone their own members or shareholders, any real indication of the position of the company. (Labour cheers.)

The heart of the debate was the question to which the Ombudsman and the inspectors invited them to turn their minds: Was it right for the Government to maintain confidence at the time they decided so to do?

He believed that it was right, for a simple reason, that they had honestly believed in the light of their information that that confidence was justified. He would have found it hard to accept from any other person that as minister he had an obligation to say something he did not believe because later it might have been more convenient if he could have been shown to have said something less than he had then believed.

In none of his statements or supplementary answers had the word "guarantee" been used. Holidaymakers had welcomed that certain loss of their holidays had been averted.

The Ombudsman had said that it did not follow that the inclusion of a specific qualification would necessarily have produced a different reaction among holidaymakers. He was right.

I do not believe (Mr Benn continued) that the modest qualification around which the whole debate has rotated would have made any difference.

The most significant passage was in the inspector's report. On that he hinged his whole case, above everything else.

They had said that "guarantee" had a particular meaning in law and applied only when the relevant parties were in a legal relationship, which was usually a direct contractual relationship. The inspectors were saying that whereas in law there was a guarantee which everyone knew about, in relations between the Government and the company there was a colloquial guarantee which was a different thing. That was a concept which no minister or government could accept. That was the issue. (Conservative protests.)

If the criticisms are accepted (he said) and the easy route of a personal apology were adopted, the House would be accepting and embracing the idea that in relationships between Government and company you do not have to have a legal guarantee because anything a minister says may be turned into a colloquial guarantee. (Further Conservative protests.)

Helping a company was not a formal guarantee. There was an exact parallel in the Rolls-Royce situation of 1970-71. Sir Frederick Corfield, then Minister of Aviation, had said the sum extended by the Government to the company, then in private hands, was in "ensure" the success of the RB211 and to "ensure" that the company could fulfil its contract with Lockheed. How did that differ from his statement? To ensure? To safeguard? To stabilize?

It was not right to take a policy decision and relate it in some way to matters of maladministration. (Labour cheers.) Nor was it right for the inspectors, doing the best job they could as distinguished lawyers and accountants, to invent the concept of a colloquial guarantee as a precursor of a criticism of a minister accountable to the Commons.

That was an important question. All Governments were concerned with the success of industry. All major firms in trouble were likely to turn to governments for advice and assistance.

He had a list which he had regularly presented, which was an old one for September—of firms in some difficulty. It showed that there were 64,274 jobs in 18 firms, some of which had recovered and others had run into difficulties. Alfred Herbert was one. There was a desperate danger of blurring the difference between where Government tried to help without commitments and those cases where they gave a full-scale guarantee.

If the crucial and clear difference between what was a guarantee and what was not a guarantee was blurred by the Court Line affair, the whole nature of the relations between Government and industry would necessarily change.

The House would not wish to make such a change with all its far-reaching consequences without the most careful consideration of what would be involved by what the lawyers called a side wind. That was not a theoretical matter. It was an essential matter.

Unemployment was over the million and rising. In the difficult economic circumstances which faced Britain the number of rescue cases was bound to rise, threatening jobs and manufacturing capacity. The firms in trouble would be scattered around the country. MPs of all parties would be approaching ministers for advice and help.

MR WHITELAW said he accepted the difficulty of the circumstances of Court Line. Having expressed those reservations, Mr Benn would have served the House best if he followed the advice of the late Richard Crossman in the Sachsenhausen case, expressed reservations and accepted the Parliamentary Commissioner's report.

MR BENN—What I am saying is that if I were to adopt, which I could not do because it would be wrong to do it, the course he recommends, I would be inviting the House to frighten ministers—(Conservative protests)—from trying to help in cases which will come to their attention and be left with only two courses open to them—to allow bankruptcy or to go for a full-scale Government guarantee.

Court Line came to the Government: the Government did not go to them. As a result of Government policy 9,000 jobs and many were saved from the terrors of bankruptcy which would have affected those men and their prospects.

Holidaymakers, who would have lost their holidays if the Government had let Court Line collapse, at least survived to August 15 and the later holidaymakers got a refund as a result of the interest free loan given to the air travel fund. A substantial salvage was achieved.

What were the Government to say when faced with that situation and their information pointed to a clear statement? The Ombudsman had laid it down when he said in the report that the Government had properly accepted the obligation and incorporated in public statements a reference to the future of that business as the Government saw it.

The motion for the adjournment was rejected by 180 votes to 156—Government majority, 24.

Three Government defeats on Industry Bill

House of Lords

The Industry Bill was again considered on report.

On Clause 21 (Financial assistance under Industry Act, 1972, for bodies corporate which make planning agreements).

The EARL of BALFOUR moved an amendment to make it an absolute duty on the Government that the amount of grant under the Industry Act, 1972, to a body corporate which has made a planning agreement would not be less than the percentage which would have been given where a planning agreement had not been made.

He said he disagreed with the Bill's phrase "may be not less ...". If the change he proposed were not made there would be no point in any company making a planning agreement. Were the Government considering a reduction in the regional development grant?

LORD LOVELL-DAVIS, Lord in Waiting, said the Government were not considering any reduction. The permissive phrase "may not be" in the Bill had been used because it occurred in the Industry Act itself and it was thought right to carry it over into this legislation.

The amendment was carried by 88 votes to 58—majority against the Government, 30.

On Clause 27 (Persons to whom duty to disclose information applies).

LORD ROCHESTER (L) moved an amendment to substitute employee representatives for representatives of relevant trade unions. It was considered with a Conservative amendment defining an employee representative as a person elected to represent employees or any group or class of employees of the company or companies concerned, and a Labour amendment providing for the disclosure of information to the authorized representatives of employee members of a works council, staff council or other body recognized by the employers for the purposes defined in this section for a relevant trade union.

He said the Government proposed that legal rights to information should go exclusively to representatives of relevant trade unions. The amendments sought to break the monopoly position of trade unions in this matter. Liberals also thought the recipients of information should be employee representatives.

LORD LOVELL-DAVIS, Lord in Waiting, said the Bill provided a considerable measure of flexibility to match the particular circumstances of the company. It was not a case of unions acquiring absolute power. A company would be completely free to provide the information it was required to furnish to trade union representatives to other employees.

What the Government did not accept was that there should be a statutory duty for information to be disclosed to workers other than union representatives.

The amendment was carried by 90 votes to 58—majority against the Government, 32.

LORD BESWICK, Minister of State for Industry, moved an amendment to divide Clause 27 into two separate clauses, one of which would deal with the Government's part in supplying information and the other with the responsibility of companies to disclose.

LORD CAMPBELL of CROY said the change would probably throw some doubt on the Government's part in disclosure. The Bill should remain unchanged.

LORD BESWICK said the Commons debate on this matter had not been conducted in an atmosphere in which matters were considered entirely on their merits. There had been suspicion on what was involved. But since then there had been clarification of the Government's intentions. If the amendment were accepted the Government would not try to change it in the Commons.

The amendment was carried by 61 votes to 49—Government majority, 12.

On Clause 30 (Information for trade unions).

LORD TERRINGTON moved an amendment to ensure that by law any information required to be given to employee representatives must also be given to shareholders.

He said he was a member of the Stock Exchange which attached great importance to this proposed legal obligation. Most important was that the Bill created a new class of "insider", employee representatives.

LORD BESWICK said companies were already free to give to shareholders any information given or not given to workers' representatives.

The amendment was carried by 50 votes to 27—majority against the Government, 23.

Abortion book: no prosecution

LORD HOUGHTON of SOWERBY asked what action the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided upon arising from the allegations of criminal actions in the book *Babies for Burning*.

LORD HOUGHTON of SOWERBY—That reply adds to the mounting evidence of the unreliability of this book. Two doctors named in this book who were reported by the authors to the General Medical Council have both been cleared by that body as having no case to answer.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, Lord in Waiting—The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided that the evidence is not sufficient to justify proceedings against any person arising from the allegations of criminal actions in the book *Babies for Burning*.

Black Rod to stay on

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, said it was intended to retain the services of Sir Frank Twiss as Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod after his present appointment expires on December 31, 1975.

We see much of Black Rod (he said). We see him in his ceremonial function; but there is a great deal more to what he does for the House. Much of our convenience, the way in which the House runs, is due to Sir Frank Twiss. I speak on behalf of the whole House when I say how pleased we are that he has agreed to continue to serve the House.

LORD CARRINGTON, Leader of the Opposition peers, said there could be nobody in the House who having known Black Rod would wish to change the Senior Service for any other service.

LORD BYERS, leader of the Liberal peers, said they would like to add their appreciation of everything that Sir Frank Twiss had done in his term of office so far.

'Lucky' Lord Chancellor

The LORD CHANCELLOR announced that, with the Queen's approval, he had accepted an invitation to attend as representative of the Government the centenary celebrations of the Supreme Court of Canada to be held in Ottawa on September 24 and 27.

I have (he said) been invited also to pay a number of official visits within Canada and I hope your Lordships will agree to grant me leave of absence for the week beginning September 22.

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE—The only thing I can say is: "Lucky you".

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 11.00: Employment Protection Bill and Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, second reading.

House of Commons

Today at 11.00: Adjournment for the summer recess until Monday, October 13.

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PLAZA 1, Lower Regent St. 839 6494. HENNESSY (AA). Progs. Sep. Perfs. Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

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THE ARTS

Savonlinna: Scandinavian opera centre

During the summer Savonlinna, set in the centre of Finland's lakes, becomes a Scandinavian opera centre. Down in Helsinki 300 kilometres away the debate goes on, with interruptions from the Security Conference, over the siting and construction of a new opera house—but Britain is now well versed in the arguments and counter-arguments surrounding any state-subsidized building for the arts. And the singers still have to perform in a theatre never intended for Wagner and late Verdi. Savonlinna, though, is lucky in having its own ready-made auditorium, the courtyard of a castle 500 years old this year.

It is by far the most ancient building in town, or rather out of town. The castle has no need of a moat. The lake encircles it and the only access is by a swing bridge of wooden planks. The audience approaches via Linnankatu, whose wooden houses in beige and olive could almost have come from Chekhov, a reminder of the days when Savonlinna was a select summer spa for the society of Vyborg and St Petersburg. The casino, another fine wooden building, still exists the other side of town, but hard rock and not the clink of gaming chips comes from its windows.

Savonlinna has been playing opera each summer since 1967 but has been transformed recently by the Finnish bass Martti Talvela. His summer retreat is 40 kilometres up country at the end of a series of forest tracks which might have defeated the last of the Mohicans. From there he was lured in 1973 to sing Sarastro in *Die Zauberflöte*, which *William Mann described at the* time on this page. Talvela's first aim was to establish summer opera sung by the Finns for the Finns. The only foreign artist on stage this year was the Queen of the Night in the *Zauberflöte*, and Finland is not the only country to be short of sopranos for that particular role. The atmosphere is informal and egalitarian: one price for all the seats and another for the privilege of perching on the stairways or battlements, dress rehearsals open to the public at little more than the cost of a strong beer. The audience takes its place on the benches under an awning of white sail cloth at 8 pm and troops away past those wooden houses in Linnankatu three hours later when it is still almost light.

The castle's quincentenary has been celebrated by the premiere of *The Horseman* by Aulis Sallinen, one of the two Finnish composeds invited to provide operas for the festival. (Bengt Johannsson's work is apparently on ice for the moment, but there is talk of producing it in 1977.) Sallinen had not written for the stage before, but his score is both extrovert and highly skilful, with climaxes of almost Puccinian lyricism carefully reined back until the right moment.

It is also very accessible music. The audience, many of whom had probably seen no twentieth-century opera before, was totally attentive at the performances I attended, and wooden seats with no backs are apt to set the mind wandering. How much Paavo Haavikko's words were admired is more difficult to judge. The Finnish critics reached for their superlatives and one of them described the text as among the three finest libretti of the century. It is probably impertinent for a visiting critic with half a dozen words of badly pronounced restaurant Finnish to pass comment, even though the festival with typical courtesy had produced a parallel English text. But Haavikko's poetry and ideas, with layer concealing layer, seemed far too elusive for the accompanying score.

The bones of the story concern the travails and death of the Horseman of the title, who flees from Novgorod after setting fire to his master and his workplace, comes to judgment in the castle of Savonlinna, once again escapes with help of others, and finally dies in the attempt to overthrow further tyrants. The flesh covers the eternal topics of masters and servants, authority and the individual, disguise and revelation, natural man and the clothes he is required to wear. And wrapped around is the mystical, almost dreamlike quality of some of the text with its dabbling in riddles and prophecies. Whether by accident or design *The Horseman* at times rides quite close to *Macbeth*. The leading character hears his end forecast long before his time is up and in the final scene there is the same image of an army concealed beneath a canopy of trees marching on the enemy: Saaninki Forest may come to Linnasaari Manor and Birnam Wood to Dusinane.

A more sympathetic producer than Kalle Holmberg might have elucidated and opened up some of the darker corners of the libretto. Indeed, the staging was by far the weakest element of the evening, with little use made of the mighty walls and entrances of Savonlinna and a crude caricaturing of any character remotely concerned with authority. But on the musical side affairs were admirable. Two splendid bass voices were on display, Matti Salminen in the title role, touching and powerful at the same time, and Heikki Toivanen in the smaller part of a forest robber. Taru Valjakka as the Huntsman's wife had the most difficult music to sing and accomplished the task with ease. And it was a pleasure to see back on stage Anita Valkki, whom Covent Garden audiences will remember. Ulf Soderblom, Savonlinna's most regular visitor, was the highly sympathetic conductor.

The stage was far better employed by August Everding and his designer Toni Businger for the revival of *Die Zauberflöte*. There were black metallic shards on the left for the kingdom of the Queen of the Night; golden strips for the *Sonnenstrahlen* of Sarastro's empire over the entrance to the castle on the right; and in the centre three lacquered trees with fruit as bright as Chinese lanterns twisted, revolved and even at one moment revealed Papagena. A bird-catcher's prey is likely to be up in the branches. Everding was out to tell a fairly tale as simply as possible with no religious overtones; indeed the *only visible masonry consisted* of Savonlinna's stones and mortar.

The twin stars of the evening were the Pamina and the conductor. Irma Urrila is a deliciously pretty soprano with a clean, firm timbre and the right dash of sadness in the voice; the Helsinki Opera may find other houses coming to poach. Okko Kamu's interpretation was as vivid and as sprightly as the production: no ponderousness and no pretension. There was good support from Kimmo Lappaleinen, remembered from Glyndebourne over the last few years, as Tamino and that Horseman, Matti Salminen, back on stage at Sarastro.

The final first night of the festival was to have had Martti Talvela in *Boris Godunov*, but on the morning of the premiere Talvela's leg became temporarily paralysed, and even someone of his determination could scarcely sing Boris from a wheelchair. So *The Horseman* replaced the tsar and it was a credit to Savonlinna that only a couple of tickets in a sold-out house were returned.





Top: The Horseman—master and servant in Novgorod. Above: Monica Iyan and Irma Urrila in Die Zauberflöte

Boris with Talvela as well as *The Horseman* and *Zauberflöte* are promised for next year. So too is a Verdi *Requiem* with Placido Domingo, Mirella Freni and Talvela as well as appearances by Birgit Nilsson, Gundula Janowitz and Nicolai Gedda. These concerts and recitals will probably take place in the vast wooden church of Kerimaki, where the columns and balconies are painted to look like shiny grey marble, which has already been in use for Haydn's *The Seasons* this summer. Talvela and his colleagues have now established Savonlinna as a base for Finnish opera and the moment for a move on to the international circuit looks to be well chosen.

John Higgins

CINEMAS

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The Marowitz Hamlet
... Globe

Irving Wardle

It may be evidence of a jaded appetite, but no Shakespeare productions of the past 10 years have excited me more than the Charles Marowitz cut-ups. Sheer relief at not having to sit through the whole story all over again is more a reviewer's response than a paying spectator's; more positively, what Marowitz has proved every time is the wealth of fresh insights waiting to be extracted by the director-adapter who releases the play from its narrative prison.

Over the years the method has become respectable, and what was once dismissed as butchery is now respectfully labelled collage. With each adaptation, I have also noticed that Marowitz usually makes a crucial change in the events in order to present a work blacker than the original text. (Oddly he has not yet touched *King Lear*, in which there would be no need for that.) Shakespeare's Shrew does not finish up a brainwashed wreck; Shakespeare's Angelo does not cut off Claudio's head. Nor does Shakespeare's Hamlet fail, in the end, to honour his promise to the ghost.

Marowitz does not write plays himself, but in the decade since it first appeared this adaptation increasingly has struck me as an intensely personal piece, belonging to the line of work from Ibsen to Wolfgang Bauer wherein the dramatist pours scorn and loathing on his chosen occupation.

Other people have seen Hamlet as a play actor. But *for Marowitz, that disqualifies* him from doing anything else. He may be a bundle of fun at the Wittenberg University summer show, but it is beyond his power to take real actions or bring about real results. In so far as the text follows a narrative line, it shows the playboy hero gradually losing everyone's respect, and finally enacting a dream slaughter of the entire court that rebounds on his head in a chorus of derisive laughter from a stage-full of corpsing corpses.

The present revival (which transfers to the Open Space on August 19) fulfils a dream of my own by presenting a fat Hamlet (Gertrude's description, and a mother should know). Tony Haygarth, bespectacled and paunchy in a shapeless Wittenberg sweater, is an embodiment of impotence, and the surrounding action becomes a nightmare of physical prowess and sexual accomplishment seen from the vengefully hopeless viewpoint of an obese outsider. Matched against a fierily balletic Laertes (Brian Gwaspard) in a rhetorical duel, he draws only boos from the court. "Villain, villain", he spits at Richard Mayes's imperturbably smiling Claudius, who practically pats him on the head with "why, 'tis a loving and a fair reply". The transpositions still send a shiver down the spine.

BBC Northern SO/Leppard
Albert Hall/Radio 3/4

Joan Chissell

Tuesday's Prom, like Monday's, began with a work by Benjamin Britten. But a bigger contrast between *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* (1945) and the *Sinfonia da Requiem* (1940), played by the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday under Raymond Leppard, could scarcely be imagined.

It is easy to understand why not long after its premiere Koussevitzky expressed surprise that the composer of so dramatic a work had not written an opera. Human grief, heavenly wrath and the peace of the blessed are graphically portrayed, even if rhythmic organization in the central "Dies Irae" seems too neat for too long to support an admirer's comment at the time that "disorder" had never before been conveyed in so convincing a musical form. But the scoring here remains a *tour de force*. Mr Leppard lashed his players into hellfire with brilliant effect. The first movement's dragging step was cleverly caught without dragging rhythm. Nicely phrased as it was, the Stravinskian finale would have brought more peace if the flutes had been softer at the outset.

In Schubert's "great" C major symphony at the end of the programme, Mr Leppard again had the orchestra on its toes. With such lively tempo and springy rhythm, such dapper accentuation and pointed dynamic contrast, his aim throughout seemed to be to keep Schubert young. For a Prom audience on a hot night, such an approach was certainly preferable to ponderousness. But it would be sad if Mr Leppard were to go on emphasizing the Rossini rather than the Beethoven in Schubert for the rest of his conducting days. In the slow movement his jauntiness sometimes sounded superficial.

The soloist in Beethoven's B flat major piano concerto was Yitkin Seow, winner of last year's BBC piano competition. No young person making a Prom debut could have been cleaner, more controlled or purer, except for some over-yielding slurs in the first movement. But it was Beethoven seen through Mozart's eyes. Even so early a work needs stronger motivation. Faster tempo, bolder tonal contrasts and stronger accentuation would have helped in the two outer movements. Mr Leppard wisely scaled down the orchestral contribution to match.

South Bank Summer Music
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

This summer's survey of Brahms's chamber music continued on Tuesday with a performance of the A minor string quartet, Op 51 No 2, thrust into the middle of a concert by the King's Singers. Their contributions comprised English and French pieces of the sixteenth and twentieth centuries: madrigals, partsongs by Elgar and a work commissioned from Richard Rodney Bennett with, to follow, Renaissance chansons spiced with Poulenc.

The worst qualities of the King's Singers, their cuddlesome presence and excessively styled manner, were most annoying in two "fa la la" songs by Morley. Such polished singing as this, with every word smoothly enunciated and every effect exactly calculated, presents a rather hollow charm; the very perfection shows how much the performance has become routine. However, the group reached some poignancy in John Bennett's "Weep o mine eyes", although the frail countertenor here caused some anguish of the wrong sort, and the trickier textures of Wilbye's "Cruel behold my heavy ending" showed something of what they can achieve when they have to think about what they are doing.

In the Elgar songs, his five settings from the *Greek Anthology*, they produced some more interesting singing, with deft touches of phrasing and colour that have not yet become slick. The songs are fine examples of Elgar's skill and versatility within small forms, only the last, "Feasting I watch", allowing him room to build a characteristically grand climax. It was not there, however, but in the abrupt gestures of "Yea, cast me from heights of the mountains" that four voices appeared quite insufficient. But in Bennett's *The House of Sleepe* nothing went amiss, the piece is so well cut to the capabilities, individual and collective, of the ensemble.

The Brahms performance by the Tokyo Quartet showed how much more rich and exciting ensemble music-making can be when there is some feeling that the members have distinct personalities. For example, the first violin displayed a clean brilliance that contrasted splendidly with the cloudy viola in the first movement. There may have been occasional deficiencies in balance, but the consistent taut and muscular yoking of the players made for a totally engrossing performance.

The Late Wife
Soho Poly

Charles Lewsen

Christopher Wilkins's play frames a, by now, stock character of our theatre, a hard-drinking intellectual whose epigrams bounce unheeded off the sensibilities of all whom he tries to insult; and for three-quarters of the play on Tuesday afternoon, I *found myself* responding as to a ritual whose details I had from time to time seen, now better, now less well, done.

Yet there is a moment when Mark Dowse's rough treacle can of a voice recounts in awe how our hero's wife once, with aggressive dignity, came to the defence of the man who had for eight years insulted her by word or adultery; and suddenly the ritual was informed with a personal vision.

It is not for one moment alone that I find my respect kindled. Our hero, sipping champagne as he lolls on his wife's tomb, a surface on which he later contemplates a piece of posthumous adultery with the Sunday journalist encouraging him to invent a seedy past for his late wife, is a man of no clearly specified occupation. The *wife* Sylvia, however, is not merely described as a children's author. Mr Wilkins has written for her a story, "Benjamin Mouse Gets Lost", and before the play proper it is read to us over the loudspeaker system by Kate Binchy, who has the unhelpful habit of turning into a fullstop the comma that follows or precedes a quotation—"'Hello, Benjamin Mouse'. Said the grey old badger".—Miss Binchy's reading otherwise does justice to the story, which is clearly designed to reveal the late Sylvia as a woman of shrewd practicality behind the apparent coyness.

It is the substantial, paradoxical reality of the unseen Sylvia that sustains our interest in her visible widower in his self-dramatizings, and ultimately allows Mr Dowse to make something moving of a man driven *to demean himself by insulting* his wife.

When it reaches the television screen later this year, I hope Mr Wilkins's play will have the benefit of a visual convention as witty as that whereby, in Frederick Proud's production, Irene Whilton turns tomb into a Mercedes or a cocktail bar.

A Fall Like Lucifer
Thames

Alan Coren

Not very like Lucifer, I'd have said. The evidence of Oswald Mosley's ever having sat at God's right hand, thence to be banished at the head of a band of rebellious angels, is fairly slim. This freaky footnote to the drear history of fascism rose to minor rank in the Labour Party and ended up in clink. His angels, a gang of gullible and bloodthirsty oiks peppered with a few sick fantasists like William Joyce, whose glib articulacy tried to pass itself off as intelligence, would come pretty far down the roster of hell's legions, too, if Tuesday's documentary was anything to go by. Everything that they and their leader did was tatty, derivative, cheap, a village hall performance of the shocking tragedy being played elsewhere by genuine masters of diabolism.

Indeed, there was something almost heartening about the amateur shoddiness of Mosley's fascism and its acolytes: as he said himself in the recent interview with which the Thirties film was interspliced, "Any wife could run up a black shirt at home". And there they all were in their ill-assorted kit, like balaclavaed Provos or hooded Klansmen, marching erratically to a dead pinch of the Horst Wessel song, a sort of *Dad's SS*, while Sturmbannführer Mainwaring, as it were, spouted his clichés.

It is true that there were those who expressed a sense of loss at Mosley's disappearance from orthodox politics, but *whether it is the fault of their* misjudgment or of Philip Whitehead's otherwise compelling documentary, no indication of that loss was apparent on Tuesday. Then and now, Mosley mouthed the same tripe, got caught in the same illogicalities; nor was his vaunted rhetoric, it seemed to me, ever more than rant.

And as to *his murmur* to Philip Whitehead that he had had no fight with Hitler because he had been content to let Hitler get on with Eastern Europe, Englishmen aware of how Hitler did get on with Eastern Europe might well wonder why Mosley still sits in France waiting for them to call him.

To Die, to Live
BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

Given the impossibility—voiced *as repeatedly* by *those* who were there as by those who were not—of recording a "proper" or even an accurate response to an unprecedented catastrophe like the destruction of Hiroshima, it follows that an artist must attempt to impose on the event an ordering and imaginative pattern of his own; and, since our received impressions of Hiroshima are filmic in the first place, based on the horrifying medical documentation following the attack, a television director making a film in the city 30 years later has unusual opportunities—and responsibilities—to confront the present with the past. So in using the beautifully rich colour photography of Derek Banks against the gritty newsreels of 1945, Robert Vas could hardly fail to build a consistent and impressive framework for his *Horizon* film. It was marred only by a confusing use of sectional captions.

To Die, to Live, was about the *hibakusha*, the survivors, and the glitteringly indifferent city that has sprung up around them. Based on Robert Jay Lifton's book *Death in Life*, it moved between the light and the dark, examined both commemoration and forgetfulness, present heartlessness and immovable fear.

Old films showed us, like casts from Pompeii, the burning of shadows on a wall, a livid back, a soldered hand; new film showed us simpering hostesses welcoming customers to a brilliant new store on just such a limpid morning as August 6, 1945. "Physically and materially Hiroshima has been reborn", said the history professor who had stared at the miles of rubble after the raid, "but forally never. It is a city for sightseers now". There is discrimination against the *hibakusha*, and an American guide in the Peace Museum who leads the ladies from the charred children's clothing to the distorted beer bottles for all the world as if he were showing them round Williamsburg or elucidating the stages of Paul Revere's Ride.

Not all the imagery of the past is so cosmeticized. Survivors spoke of their guilt at failing to save others. The orphanage director and calligraphy teacher used resources of plain bronze and full brush stroke to contain the horror of history without ever betraying it. One man had talked to his parents each evening since their deaths in the bombing, telling them how glad he was to have lived another day. Mr Vas matched that with a plump wittle lady rising from an orchestra pit in a curly red wig, black suspenders and white feather boa. It was the start of another night on the town.

SPORT

Cricket

An honest gesture to the old county

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Somerset, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are 303 runs behind the Australians.

It was a paradoxical occasion. Somerset did not want to be playing the Australians: they would rather have been playing for the Gillette Cup. The Australians did not want to be playing Somerset; after their labours in the Test match, they would have been much happier to have crossed London to the Oval, as was originally planned, than to make the haul to the west.

Still, the sun shone, yet again; the ground was nearly full with enthusiastic Somerset supporters determined to make a day of it, and gradually the enthusiasm of the crowd seemed to communicate itself to the players.

Turner and Laird went slowly after the Australians had won the toss and taken the obvious decision to bat on a good pitch. Turner was out when the total was 30, leg-before to Moseley who kept up his speed well, considering the heat. Laird, who scored at the rate of about one run in seven minutes, at last tried to hook, and was caught.

Greg Chappell, who was captaining the Australians, knows Taunton well, for he had a couple of seasons with Somerset in his youth. He played some memorable innings for them, but I understand he has not scored a first class hundred at Taunton, and was determined to put this right yesterday. He began in splendid style, but soon after lunch edged a ball from Jones down the leg side, and was caught at the wicket.

It was a difficult one for the umpire to see, but Chappell solved any problems by walking unostentatiously away. Some said, in the crowd, that he had had enough, anyway. I prefer to think that it was an honest and comradely gesture to his old county, who had at least paid the Australians the compliment of playing their best available side.

This wicket checked the Australians when they looked as if they were running away to a large score, and the pattern recurred during the afternoon. Edwards was caught at extra cover by Close. Gilmour was bowled by Breakwell. Close had a bowl himself, which he must have enjoyed, and the Australians were always conscious he was on the field. It was Walters who cut away the cords. After tea, there was not much Somerset could do about him. He was out as soon as Moseley took the new ball, but by then he had reached his hundred. Lillee seems to have decided that he likes batting. He also, as is well known, likes bowling, and when the Australians declared, to give Somerset an awkward half hour, demonstrated it. It was Gilmour, however, who took the first wicket.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

A. Turner, l-b-w, b Moseley .. 19
B. M. Laird, c Moseley, b Jones .. 15
*G. S. Chappell, c Taylor, b Jones .. 38
R. Edwards, c Close, b Richards .. 56
K. D. Walters, b Moseley .. 103
G. J. Gilmour, b Breakwell .. 20
†R. D. Robinson, b Jones .. 17
D. K. Lillee, not out .. 30
A. A. Mallett, not out .. 10
Extras (b 3, l-b 9, w 1, n-b 10) .. 23

Total (7 wkts dec) .. 331

A. G. Hurst, J. D. Higgs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—53, 3—102, 4—165, 5—194, 6—252, 7—315.

BOWLING: Jones, 20—2—70—3; Moseley, 17—4—27—2; Botham, 21—4—66—0; Breakwell, 14—3—39—1; Close, 6—0—30—0; Richards, 7—1—26—1; Marks, 8—0—40—0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

*D. J. S. Taylor, not out .. 7
B. C. Rose, c Robinson, b Gilmour 10
I. T. Botham, not out .. 8
Extras (n-b 3) .. 3

Total (1 wkt) .. 28

P. W. Denning, I. V. A. Richards, *D. B. Close, P. A. Slocombe, V. J. Marks, D. Breakwell, H. R. Moseley, A. A. Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1—17.

Umpires: H. Horton and P. B. Wight.

Dennis Lillee will not play county cricket in England next season. He said yesterday that he had turned down offers from several counties, including Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

Today's cricket

TOUR MATCH
TAUNTON: Somerset v Australians (11.30 to 6.30).

MINOR COUNTIES
CAMBRIDGE (Fenners): Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire.
LAKENHAM: Norfolk v Lincolnshire.
JESMOND: Northumberland v Staffordshire.
SIDMOUTH: Devon v Dorset.

SECOND XI COMPETITION
SUNBURY: Surrey II v Glamorgan II.
COVENTRY: Warwickshire II v Nottinghamshire II.
CHINGFORD: Essex II v Middlesex II.

A great day for the two Karachi Whites

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LEICESTER: Gloucestershire beat Leicestershire by 32 runs.

Bottom of the county championship, and just beaten in two days by Worcestershire, Gloucestershire went to Grace Road yesterday and gained a famous victory over Leicestershire, this year's winners of the Benson and Hedges and contenders for the championship. Batting first, Gloucestershire scored 314 for four in their 60 overs. Leicestershire's 282 in reply was the highest score ever made by a side batting second in the Gillette Cup: for them, in fact, there was honour in defeat.

A century apiece from Zaheer and Sadiq accounted for Gloucestershire's remarkable score; that and the fact that the groundsman had produced a perfect batting pitch. It had to be seen, though, in the light of Gloucestershire's bowling and fielding, which were eminently vulnerable. Their only dasher in the field was Foat, even if Brown, for a man of 39, is still pretty nimble. Hignell and Sadiq were lively, Sadiq wonderfully so, considering his innings.

At tea, Leicestershire were still very much in the game. Dudleston was just out, after making an admirable 54, but the score after 25 overs was 107 for two, with Balderstone going well and Davison and Tolchard still to come. By the thirtieth over it was 136 for five, Balderstone, Davison and Birkenshaw all having gone. Balderstone was caught sweeping. Davison and Birkenshaw were both out to tumbling catches at short midwicket, Davison off Procter, who took a chance with his knee and bowled fast enough for Stovold to stand back.

The main danger to Gloucestershire after that was Tolchard. He was likely to do terrible things to Gloucestershire by his running between wickets, and with Illingworth giving him the strike as much as he could, the runs started to come again. These two had made 40 in nine overs when Illingworth, the instigator of a short single, was well run out by Shackleton. For nine overs and another 45 runs McVicker took Illingworth's place, before Zaheer caught him, falling forward at long on.

For the next four overs McKenzie took McVicker's place while 26 were made. When Foat, flying in from cover point, ran McKenzie out, too much was left for Tolchard to do alone, especially with Foat fielding now like a man possessed. Tolchard had to content himself with having staged a rousing, if unavailing, challenge.

It was a great day for the Karachi Whites. Zaheer (pronounced Zoyear by Gloucestershire's quite numerous supporters) and Sadiq played as brilliantly as each other. Sadiq had scored 111 out of 185 when he was out. He was in such form that there was always a danger of his being carried away by his virtuosity. More than once Zaheer was disposed to caution him. Stovold's contribution, as Sadiq's opening partner, was more useful than it may sound. He had made 15 in 10 overs when Davison, with marvellous speed and accuracy, threw him out from third man.

If Sadiq made sure of a good score Zaheer ensured a large one. Had Knight been fit to play Zaheer might not have done so. Zaheer is so stiff in the back that had his bootlace come undone during his innings of 131 not out I doubt whether he could have done it up again. So good was his timing, though, so fluent his driving, that he had no need to put his back into his batting. The flourish of Zaheer's cover drive is one of the loveliest sights of the English summer.

For Gloucestershire's second wicket the two Pakistanis added 146 in 31 overs. For the third wicket Zaheer and Procter put on 69 in 10 overs, Procter's admiration of his partner's play being plain for all to see. Procter was unexpectedly caught by Birkenshaw, low down at midwicket, off a firm hit. This was a splendid catch by Birkenshaw, who must have been in for his inning unless Leicestershire had speeded the ball to turn more than it did.

By the time Zaheer had finished with them Leicestershire looked in ill-humour. Bowling four men on the leg side (two of one on the off side were at the boundary), Illingworth was their most economical bowler, at just over four runs to the over. McKenzie is like a heavyweight boxer but a favourite champion, who would do better to retire. The one telling blow he has landed this season was when he bowled Barry Richards for a duck in the semifinal of the Benson and Hedges. Tolchard kept wicket no better than Stovold. Not that anyone minded that. There was too much to enjoy, not least the weather, to bother about the incidental things.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Sadiq Mohammad, c McVicker, b Higgs .. 111
*A. W. Stovold, run out .. 15
Zaheer Abbas, not out .. 131
M. J. Procter, c Birkenshaw, b Steele .. 27
D. R. Shepherd, c and b Higgs .. 19
*A. S. Brown, not out .. 1
Extras (b 3, n-b 7) .. 10

Total (60 overs) .. 314

A. J. Hignell, J. C. Foat, D. A. Graveney, J. H. Shackleton, J. Davey did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—40, 2—186, 3—285, 4—310.

BOWLING: McKenzie, 12—1—67—0; Higgs, 12—1—66—2; McVicker, 9—0—50—0; Steele, 9—0—47—1; Illingworth, 12—0—51—0; Balderstone, 5—0—26—0; Birkenshaw, 1—0—7—0.

LEICESTERSHIRE

B. Dudleston, c Stovold, b Brown .. 54
J. F. Steele, b Davey .. 4
J. C. Balderstone, c Shepherd, b Graveney .. 40
B. F. Davison, c Graveney, b Procter .. 18
*R. W. Tolchard, not out .. 86
J. Birkenshaw, c Foat, b Graveney .. 0
*R. Illingworth, run out .. 13
D. I. Gower, b Procter .. 7
N. M. McVicker, c Zaheer, b Graveney .. 14
G. D. McKenzie, run out .. 21
K. Higgs, not out .. 9
Extras (b 5, l-b 12, w 1, n-b 3) .. 21

Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) .. 282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—105, 3—109, 4—135, 5—137, 6—176, 7—180, 8—225, 9—261.

BOWLING: Davey, 12—3—55—1; Shackleton, 12—1—44—0; Brown, 12—0—39—1; Graveney, 12—0—67—3; Procter, 12—0—46—2.

Umpires: D. Oslear and A. E. G. Rhodes.



Sadiq hitting Steele to the boundary at Leicester

Radley and partner do not tire in pursuit of runs

By Peter Marson

WORCESTER: Middlesex beat Worcestershire by eight wickets.

A splendid century by Clive Radley, with two admirable innings from Smith in the first place and later Featherstone, took Middlesex to the semi-final round of the Gillette Cup yesterday. Middlesex have reached this stage on three previous occasions and lost, to Surrey in 1965, to Warwickshire in 1968, and to Sussex in 1973. Set to score 258 to win, their third wicket partnership between Radley and Featherstone that clinched victory for them. They put on 123 runs in 17 overs. Radley, who was made man of the match, hit 105 not out—incidentally, his fifth unbeaten hundred in all four competitions—and Featherstone 72 not out.

The New Road ground was well nigh full when Gifford won the toss, and a partisan crowd rubbed their hands gleefully and cheered when Turner and Ormrod made their way to the crease. By 1 pm and luncheon, most people had had moments of happiness to go with something to regret. It was an absorbing morning's cricket. Worcestershire began promisingly, making 34 runs off the first six overs bowled by Price and Selvey.

Brearley stood down his fast bowlers at this point, and turned to the spin of Titmus and Edmonds. These two bowled splendidly, well enough for Brearley to allow Titmus to run through his quota of overs, and Edmonds to bowl all but two of his round dozen. Both bowlers were encouraged by taking a wicket, Titmus in his fourth over, Edmonds in his sixth. Turner was down on one knee to sweep when he fell leg-before, and Yardley stretched forward defensively to Edmonds and was nicely taken behind by Murray.

Ormrod and Parker then took Worcestershire to within 10 minutes of luncheon with a stand of 84 runs in 36 overs before Ormrod, on driving Featherstone, was caught at the boundary at long-on. Featherstone was Middlesex's sixth bowler, and by unseating Ormrod, who had then passed his half century, he had rendered an important service.

D'Oliveira, who stands at the head of Gillette's honours list, having been man of the match six times, was to disappoint his admirers. He was in one over and, with three runs scored, out in the next.

Worcestershire were then 157 for four and 23 overs remained. Parker pressed forward at one end, pulling and driving the faster bowlers with some success. Imran stayed with him for 10 overs in which 57 runs were added, but in aiming a big hit he was bowled by Selvey. Parker was then 98. The two runs he needed came when he hit Price to midwicket to chalk up his 14th boundary. Parker, who had received 119 balls, was out in the same over, the 55th, when the ball bounced down off his body to dislodge the off bail.

The fact that only two wickets remained standing meant that on this occasion we would not have the customary all-out offensive by the batsmen in the last few overs, and with Middlesex keeping their heads Inchmore, Gifford and Holder were made to work hard for 16 runs.

When Middlesex's innings began it was to the accompaniment of a great shout, with Brearley's stumps in disarray, and Inchmore, the bowler, descending from a triumphant star-jump.

WORCESTERSHIRE

G. M. Turner, l-b-w, b Titmus .. 41
J. A. Ormrod, c Titmus, b Featherstone .. 53
T. J. Yardley, c Murray, b Edmonds .. 5
J. M. Parker, b Price .. 107
B. L. D'Oliveira, l-b-w, b Price .. 3
K. W. Wilkinson, b Gomes .. 1
Imran Khan, b Selvey .. 20
G. R. Cass, c Gomes, b Selvey .. 1
J. D. Inchmore, c Gomes, b Price .. 1
*N. Gifford, run out .. 3
V. A. Holder, not out .. 5
Extras (b 5, l-b 13, w 1) .. 17

Total (59.5 overs) .. 257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—63, 2—70, 3—154, 4—157, 5—174, 6—231, 7—233, 8—241, 9—246, 10—257.

BOWLING: Price, 12—0—50—3; Selvey, 9.5—1—36—2; Edmonds, 12—2—41—1; Titmus, 12—1—44—1; Gomes, 11—0—48—1; Featherstone, 3—0—19—1.

MIDDLESEX

M. J. Smith, c Gifford, b Inchmore .. 70
*J. M. Brearley, b Inchmore .. 3
C. T. Radley, not out .. 105
N. G. Featherstone, not out .. 72
Extras (b 3, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 2) .. 8

Total (2 wkts, 54 overs) .. 258

H. A. Gomes, G. D. Barlow, *J. T. Murray, P. H. Edmonds, F. J. Titmus, M. W. W. Selvey, J. S. E. Price did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—135.

BOWLING: Inchmore, 12—2—39—2; Imran Khan, 10—0—57—0; D'Oliveira, 12—0—67—0; Holder, 8—0—39—0; Gifford, 12—1—58—0.

Umpires: W. L. Budd and R. E. Barnard.

Lancashire a case for the Monopolies Commission

By Gerry Harrison

MANCHESTER: Lancashire beat Hampshire by six wickets.

Of all the twists and unpredictable turns thrown up in 13 years of Gillette cricket, one of the most unlikely was witnessed yesterday by probably the competition's largest-ever crowd; the morning collapse and the almost total afternoon humiliation of Hampshire, the side with a taste for the dramatic.

An estimated 30,000 came to see this clash of the titans, the championship's leading teams, on a wicket full of runs, to savour the skills of Goliaths like Richards and Clive Lloyd. The runs did not materialize, many of the stars on both sides were unable to muster a twinkle between them.

It was not simply a question of Richards and Greenidge failing for Hampshire. To balance that Lever, Lancashire's England fast bowler, looked tired and bowled accordingly; Lee, the country's leading wicket taker, was much more economical but, unusually, failed to collect a scalp.

The contrast between these two sides was Lancashire's talent in depth, or is it width, players aching to leap on to the stage and snatch the leading role. In this case the performers were the experienced Wood and the newcomer, Ratcliffe. It is their bowling which has put Lancashire into their eighth Gillette semi-final match, their fifth in six years, almost a case for the Monopolies Commission.

Ratcliffe, aged 23, collected 10 wickets in the previous championship match against Warwickshire. His four for 25 earned him the man of the match award and the next prize for him must be his county cap if a groin injury, which prevented him fielding, does not delay his progress.

It has been a surprise to many north of Chester that Wood bowled only one over in the Australians' second innings. His medium pace has always been a problem to batsmen trying to force the action. Figures of four for 17, his best Gillette performance, and 20 confident runs seemed to have put him in the lead for the individual award, but James Laker chose "to give the younger man encouragement".

The morning's drama began on a high note, the atmosphere around an official crowd of 26,000, with those reserving for the football season still pouring in over the walls. Roars for everything, applause or loud speaker announcements and mad applause when Hayes opened and drop Richards in the slips with the score at 11.

As soon as Wood and Ratcliffe relieved the fast bowlers, Richards, looking out of sorts, pulled without conviction and was well caught by David Lloyd.

With the first ball of his third over, Ratcliffe had Gilliat caught behind; his last ball of the same over was the best he bowled, cutting back sharply to dismiss Greenidge, who had at least three glorious fours to his credit. Simmons caught Turner and Sainsbury in the slips; then Hayes performed the same service to remove Rice and Murtagh, his second catch a spectacular dive to his right. At lunch Hampshire were 70 for seven off 33 overs, and the crowd delivered their standing ovation before settling down to devour pies and tea sandwiches.

HAMPSHIRE

B. A. Richards, c D. Lloyd, b Wood .. 14
C. G. Greenidge, b Ratcliffe .. 18
D. R. Turner, c Simmons, b Wood .. 1
*R. M. C. Gilliat, c Engineer, b Ratcliffe .. 0
P. J. Sainsbury, c Simmons, b Ratcliffe .. 5
J. M. Rice, c Hayes, b Wood .. 1
A. J. Murtagh, c Hayes, b Wood .. 8
M. N. S. Taylor, c and b Lever .. 21
*G. R. Stephenson, b Ratcliffe .. 4
A. M. E. Roberts, c sub, b C. Lloyd .. 5
T. J. Mottram, not out .. 0
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 5) .. 8

Total (43 overs) .. 98

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—32, 2—37, 3—42, 4—51, 5—54, 6—64, 7—65, 8—78, 9—98, 10—98.

BOWLING: Lever, 10—1—31—1; Lee, 8—5—14—0; Wood, 12—3—17—4; Ratcliffe, 9—4—25—4; Lloyd, 1.1—1—0—1.

LANCASHIRE

*D. Lloyd, b Roberts .. 1
B. Wood, b Rice .. 20
F. C. Hayes, not out .. 44
C. H. Lloyd, c Turner, b Roberts .. 3
B. W. Reidy, c Greenidge, b Rice .. 1
†F. M. Engineer, not out .. 24
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, w 1, n-b 2) .. 8

Total (4 wkts, 31.5 overs) .. 101

D. P. Hughes, J. Simmons, R. M. Ratcliffe, P. Lever, P. Lee did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—29, 3—57, 4—63.

BOWLING: Roberts, 9—3—17—2; Mottram, 8—1—16—0; Rice, 11—4—28—2; Taylor, 3—2—19—0; Sainsbury, 1—0—10—0; Murtagh, 0.5—0—4—0.

Umpires: D. J. Constant and W. E. Phillipson.

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Derbyshire are exalted by investments

By Keith Macklin

NOTTINGHAM: Derbyshire beat Nottinghamshire by six wickets.

Impoverished though Derbyshire may be, their investments, in what might loosely be called the transfer market, paid a handsome dividend at Nottingham. Sharpe, Bolus and Headley led the cautious but inevitable pursuit of victory, and Venkataraghavan produced an astounding spell of accurate bowling, inducing paralysis among the Nottinghamshire batsmen. Derbyshire's own Test player, Hendrick, was the other bowling match winner with splendid figures of four for 26, which earned him the man of the match award.

Days like this have been all too rare at Trent Bridge in recent seasons. Hence a big crowd, with the males stripped to the waist, though mercifully no further, gave rapturous applause for every piece of good cricket, noisy calumny for every misdemeanour.

Hendrick was the man who destroyed the Nottinghamshire innings. While Ward, so cruelly dogged by injuries and inhibitions, hurled himself and the ball with limited success, Hendrick showed no sign of his recent low blood count. He dismissed Harris and Smedley to make the first inroads in the Nottinghamshire innings. Harris was brilliantly caught gully by Venkataraghavan off a firm drive, and Smedley was plumb in front from a ball of high speed and low trajectory.

Clive Rice, a South African, who has become Trent Bridge's favourite son with all-round and aggressive consistency, stayed awhile with Hassan but then holed out tamely from a ball pitched outside leg stump by Venkataraghavan. The Indian Test player's figures were, if anything, even more remarkable and vital than those of Hendrick. It seems inconceivable in Gillette Cup cricket, but Venkataraghavan's figures were one wicket for 13 runs in 12 overs. This included a careless last delivery which was struck for four.

The most substantial and attractive part of the Nottinghamshire innings came when the crease was occupied by Randall and Johnson, a Cambridge Blue. This was for the fifth wicket and it produced 62 attractive runs before Randall, top scorer with 43, was caught in several minds from a medium pace delivery by Russell and spooned the simplest of catches to mid on.

There was a moment of cricket for the connoisseur of the surprising when Sharpe, fielding at slip, appeared to make a typically spectacular catch off the bowling of Ward. Sharpe, with commendable honesty, indicated that the ball had dropped fractionally short. Then, to the buzzing surprise of the crowd and the consternation of the former England slip, Wilkinson touched the next ball in identical fashion and Sharpe dropped it!

The Nottingham innings ended with a brief gesture of defiance from Taylor, whose windmill tactics dispatched a ball from Ward for one gigantic straight six. When Derbyshire batted, a total of 167 in 60 overs seemed child's play, particularly when Rice delivered four wides in his first five balls.

Headley and Sharpe appeared comfortable, although Stead made four stentorian and unavailing appeals against Sharpe. Headley was eventually bowled by the accurate White trying to hit him out of the ground. Sharpe, decelerating visibly and in the grip of seemingly excessive caution, was caught behind.

The end came with a young and rarely available schoolmaster, Harry Cartwright, opening up with a sequence of magnificent strokes, including a six off Taylor and another attempted hit for six which was caught on the boundary edge by Hassan. Bolus saw it through to the end with an innings as patient and effective as Sharpe's had been earlier.

It is good to see unfancied Derbyshire in exalted company for the first time since they reached the final in 1969. Yet it is sad that the crowd of 12,000 at Trent Bridge were not able to cheer a long overdue return of Nottinghamshire success.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

†M. J. Harris, c Venkataraghavan, b Hendrick .. 1
B. Hassan, c Sharpe, b Swarbrook .. 36
*M. J. Smedley, l-b-w, b Hendrick .. 1
C. E. B. Rice, c Russell, b Venkataraghavan .. 2
D. W. Randall, c Sharpe, b Russell .. 43
P. D. Johnson, b Swarbrook .. 36
H. T. Tunnicliffe, l-b-w, b Hendrick .. 4
R. A. White, c and b Ward .. 2
P. A. Wilkinson, not out .. 3
B. Stead, run out .. 9
W. Taylor, c Taylor, b Hendrick .. 9
Extras (b 2, l-b 8, w 2, n-b 1) .. 13

Total (54.2 overs) .. 166

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—16, 3—44, 4—65, 5—127, 6—137, 7—141, 8—142, 9—164, 10—166.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 9.2—3—26—4; Ward, 9—2—33—1; Russell, 12—1—36—1; Venkataraghavan, 12—4—13—1; Swarbrook, 12—1—45—2.

DERBYSHIRE

R. G. A. Headley, b White .. 26
P. J. Sharpe, c Harris, b Taylor .. 48
J. B. Bolus, not out .. 43
A. J. Borrington, b Tunnicliffe .. 20
H. Cartwright, c Hassan, b Stead .. 21
F. W. Swarbrook, not out .. 2
Extras (l-b 6, w 6, n-b 1) .. 13

Total (4 wkts, 54.2 overs) .. 167

†R. W. Taylor, S. Venkataraghavan, P. E. Russell, A. Ward, M. Hendrick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—60, 2—104, 3—135, 4—161.

BOWLING: Stead, 7.2—0—32—1; Rice, 6—1—15—0; White, 12—4—26—1; Wilkinson, 10—3—23—0; Taylor, 11—0—45—1; Tunnicliffe, 6—0—13—1.

Umpires: A. E. Fagg and B. J. Meyer.

Second XI competition

COVENTRY: Warwickshire II 283 (K. D. Smith 82, A. Lloyd 47, D. S. Dobson 53; H. C. Latchman 3 for 79); Nottinghamshire II 137 for no wkt (S. Todd 102 not out).

Minor counties

JESMOND: Northumberland, 184 for 8 dec (Nazim-ul-Ghani 4 for 73); Staffordshire, 141 for 5.

SWINDON: Oxfordshire, 181 (R. Garner 42; P. Meehan 5 for 31 and 14 for 7 dec (T. M. W. Barber 53; B. Gulliver 5 for 35); Wiltshire, 168 for 7 dec (T. Barwell 87 not out) and 153 (W. A. Smith 68; R. Budd 6 for 39). Oxfordshire won by seven runs.

WADEBRIDGE: Cornwall, 178 for 5 dec and 129 for 7 dec (R. J. Swallridge 4 for 46); Dorset, 125 and 147 for 7 (D. J. Halyard 5 for 66). Match drawn.

LAKENHAM: Norfolk, 202 for 8 dec (R. D. Huggins 51, T. I. Moore 50 not out; B. Willis 5 for 35); Lincolnshire, 113 for 8.

CAMBRIDGE: Hertfordshire, 243 (A. Gamble 111; D. Wing 4 for 61); Cambridgeshire, 190 for 5 (A. Howarth 63).

Yachting

British team close on the leaders

By John Nicholls

Robin Aisher's Yeoman XX scored a well-deserved win in the third race of the Admiral's Cup series at Cowes yesterday. She overcame far more than her 56 rivals to win a 24-mile race in some of the most difficult conditions imaginable. For the last hour or so of a 10hr race she was within a few hundred yards of the finishing line, yet was unable to reach it against a strong tide and in little or no wind.

Around her were massed many other yachts, all of them larger, yet none of them able to make any progress in the right direction. The lead changed hands by the minute as first one boat, then another, benefited from a puff of wind or drifted backwards on the tide. Finally, when it seemed as if none of the competitors would spot what everybody ashore could see, a favourable eddy close to the shore, the Italian boat, Guia III (Georgio Falck), picked it up.

A spontaneous cheer broke out from the spectators as she drifted over the line and, as the gun fired, one of her delighted crew dived overboard. Ever so slowly, Yeoman and Noryema, another of the British team, sailed by Ron Amey, made their way across to the eddy and in time they, too, were helped across the line. Yeoman beat Guia by 26 minutes on corrected time and Noryema was third, two minutes behind Guia.

No other boats were able to take advantage of the eddy; they were all too far into the foul tide to reach it. Three-quarters of an hour later there was still no hope of anyone else finishing until the tide turned or a breeze filled in. The British team will obviously have closed on the Germans and Americans in the overall table, but until all the boats finished final team placings could not be determined.

The race started to the westward in a force two breeze that came from slightly north of west. The entire fleet started on starboard tack and it was some time before the inshore boats were forced to tack. From my vantage point at the outer end of the line it seemed to be a scrappy start and the race officers picked out the French boat, Coriolan, sailed by Paul Elvstrom, as being over the line.

She failed to respond to the recall signal and presumably will, like the four similar offenders in Monday's race, be disqualified. Her flying start did not seem to be of any benefit, for she was not among the boats that immediately caught the eye. Two of the British team were among the best away, Noryema (Ron Amey) right on the shore and Yeoman XX (Robin Aisher) about one third of the way out.

Yeoman's start was absolutely superb; she found a gap all to herself and was able to pull away in clear wind. It was vital for the smaller boats, and Yeoman is one of them, to avoid being blanketed by the larger yachts when all were plodding along on the same tack. She held her own for most of the first beat and her good start definitely laid the foundation for her subsequent fine performance.

Noryema inched along the shore as long as she could, but eventually had to tack away and found herself a long way up in the now stretched out fleet. The tide was carrying the fleet along, adding to the apparent wind and making it difficult to judge the right moment to tack offshore, away from the direct course to the mark.

Britain's third boat, Battlecry (John Prentice), made a reasonable start, fairly well inshore, but when the time came to tack, she either picked a header or found some slack water. Whatever the reason, she came out slowly and when she went about again she had lost many places. In a boat of that nature, with only one paying tack, her error was serious.

Inevitably, the highly rated Australian boat, Bumblebee (John Kahlbetzer), clawed her way into the lead, chased by Wa Wa Too (F. Nabuco) from Brazil and the leading Swiss boat, Atair (A. Surachi). There was no doubt that the British team were the best placed and they maintained their form at the Snowee buoy, the turning mark in the western Solent.

Bumblebee was first round, about an hour after the start, already two and a half minutes ahead of the United States' Charisma (Jesse Philips). Wa Wa Too was next, followed by Saudade (Spain), [illegible] (Argentina), Yeoman and Noryema. Battlecry was twelfth, which meant she was sailing below her rating within the fleet. Nevertheless, she was ahead of the German boat, Duva (Lubinus), and with the other Germans behind the other British boats, the team situation was satisfactory.

The Americans, also one of the key teams in the competition, were not looking too good. Turner's Tenacious was astern of her much smaller teammate (Ted Hood) and only just ahead of Battlecry. By the mark, however, in the middle of Southampton Water, there had been some significant changes. Charisma was still second to Bumblebee, now four minutes ahead, Tenacious had pulled up.

Incredibly, after a long reaching run against the tide, Yeoman was still sixth. Noryema was seventh, and both had overtaken Wa Wa Too. A possible explanation of the surprising place change was the congestion caused by the Cowes Week classes sailing part of the same course as the Admiral's Cup boats. All the boats altogether had to round the same mark and the sight there as they all gybed their spinnakers was impressive. It was probably as well that the wind was light.

Results on fifth day at Cowes

SOUTH COAST ONE DESIGNS (Queen's Town Trophy): 1, Adept (Mr and Mrs H. F. Evans); 2, Tuppela (R. J. Harman); 3, St Christopher (Dr W. Barker and G. Schiller).

DARINGS: 1, Dilmar (Capt C. Perry, R. Garvin, D. Williams-Freeman); 2, Dorling (Sir K. Preston, J. Raymond, S. Preston); 3, Duva (J. Goddard, H. Hart, J. Green).

SOLINGS: 1, Frequently Knot (J. Hackman); 2, Psyche (J. D. Jennings); 3, Ferial (M. Whistley).

DRAGONS: 1, Astarte (R. D. Lloyd); 2, Jerome II (H. Dyer); 3, Jab (Sir G. Smith).

SWALLOWS: (Swift's Alter): 1, Mistral (W. Hamilton, R. Donaldson); 2, Robin (D. F. Glinert); 3, Hiller (K. G. Miller).

REDWINGS (Andrew Salver): 1, Redstart (Mr and Mrs J. Janson); 2, Parroquet (J. Hammond, Mrs M. Stoddart); Mr and Mrs P. Shanks; 3, Rosetta (W. Mallison, P. Marlanes).

SUNBEAMS (Bellingham Trophy): 1, Comedy (Mrs C. Phillimore); 3, Dainty (H. Bradner, P. Nicholson, J. Pilley); 3, Argosy (P. C. Burgoyne).

MERMAIDS: 1, Sirene (T. 2, Auster); 3, Mouette (V. Cotton Walker).

FLYING FIFTEEN (Ann Salver): 1, Persitron (M. R. Summerhayes); (O. Simmonds Hillier).

X ONE DESIGN: 1, Dhow; 2, Mary (Tudor (T. S. Johnson (H. T. Wilson); VICTORY: 1, Ass; 1, Sam (M. and H. Shalt); Hawkey; 3, Variety (B. Hugh).

CLASS II: 1, Hoodricker (L. Ferrin); Charisma (Hurley); Balsey Wand (Golden Apple (J. Swale)).

CLASS III: 1, Golden Dr. Nicholson; 2, Phaenna (O. Gowan); 3, Partin (P. Bryan).

CLASS IV: 1, Golden (H. Lubbock), [illegible] (J. Shamus; 3, Hythe (R. Perry).

CLASS V: 1, Gnome (R. Molmraker); 2, H. Hall (T. Rogers, D. Phillips).

Other yachting results

HARWICH: British OK championship (City of Plymouth Trophy): 1, Lincoln (K. Rischke, Christchurch); 2, Sudbury Highlight Gone (D. Barr, Midland); 4, Red Lead (J. Kettin, South Windermere); 5, Onslow (J. Knight, Christchurch); 6, Gunwhale (N. Hobbs, Christchurch); 6, Lark Nite Fire (M. P. Sterling, Royal Corinthian).

ABNP RAT (Canada): Flying Dutchman World Championship: 1, J. Bilger (NZ); 2nd [illegible]; 3, Y. Pajot (France); Pajot 1, Y. Pajot in pts: 1, Bilger; 2, French (W. Germany); 3, Dutch (Netherlands); 4, Gordon Wilson (Australia); Palliesch (GB), 62.

PLYMOUTH: Wayfarer championship, third race: Mustard (A. Stone); Gypsy (D. Kite, Medway); R. Warner (Medway); (G. M. Hodson, Venlon); Kool (R. Heck, Tudor); (A. J. Wilson, Medway).

Golf

Mrs Young more like her old self again

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The Colgate European women's championship got the kind of start it deserved yesterday when a two-fold winner of the United States Women's Open, Donna Caponi Young, took the lead with a first round of 68. Even allowing for a generous par of 74, this was a fine score in ideal summer conditions at Sunningdale.

A fickle breeze blowing from a new quarter kept the players on their toes and made perfect watching conditions for a crowd which is sure to get bigger. Some of the scoring was still surprisingly high, attributable to a mixture of nerves and lack of experience of a course on which one is seldom allowed to get away with a bad shot.

But there was also much low scoring and the leading 10 players could hardly have been better; adding flavour to the list is Catherine de Prado, who returned a 71, within three shots of the lead. In spite of a seven at the fifth. She was in that spirit and missed a short putt for an eagle three at the 14th. "I did not notice the par five," she said, showing that she has lost neither her length nor her self-assurance.

The first sign that some exciting scoring was on the way came when Murle Breer, who won the US Open in 1962 as Miss Lindstrom, started with birdies at the first two holes and added another at the fifth. Mrs Young's start was even more impressive—birdie, eagle, birdie—and she finished with the same figures, 4, 3, 3, which meant three birdies. It was a round of uncertain brilliance which contained only three pars, in contrast to Miss Palmer, who had 12.

Using the big ball throughout, Mrs Young was on the second green with a four iron and holed from 10ft for her eagle, the same length of putt which had given her a birdie at the first. She dropped shots at the short which caused much trouble and at the seventh, but she got her birdie at the ninth from just short of the green. She was out in 32, the lowest of the day.

Coming back, she made mistakes, using the 12th green and playing a weak chip to the 15th, but she parred the last three holes as well as maybe, reaching the 16th with a fire-wood and capping the round with a 30ft putt for a birdie at the last. She missed a month in midseason when she sprained her rib cage which went off with a crack which she claims her caddy heard 40ft away, but a rest does more golfers good than harm, and with steady performances in the US Open and her last tournament she is climbing back to her earlier level when she won two tournaments.

Jane Blalock was taken ill here last year, the day before the event began, and has been anxious to make amends. She won a tournament in Japan earlier this year and is looking to extend her range of victories abroad. She was a model of tidiness, never off the fairway and only in trouble at the sixth, where her five-iron caught the lip of the bunker. One of her five birdies came at the 13th, where her tee shot lipped the hole and stopped 19 inches away.

It was a pleasant change to see fine shots being struck at this hole in contrast to the s... It proved to be last yea...

Miss Palmer went over at the eighth, with d... and her steadiness is a... tion of a remarkable se... seems to be suffering a... from her victory in the... Joanne Carner added h... the impressive list of... Although she was not t... that well, when she di... fairway she followed wit... iron play, as witness... iron to 4ft at the 10th a... ing the ninth green.

It was all part of th... that she should miss i... but she had the compens... 35ft putt holed at the t... a birdie. She found the... new quarter and tending... but if it gets no strong... not be troublesome toda...



Donna Young sinks a putt at the 18th yesterday to com... fine six-under-par round.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	[illegible]	5	10	469	5
2	[illegible]	5	11	295	4
3	2[illegible]	4	12	420	5
4	16[illegible]	3	13	172	3
5	387	4	14	479	5
6	378	4	15	240	3
7	383	4	16	408	5
8	163	3	17	388	4
9	285	4	18	388	4
Out	2,949	[illegible]	In	3,228	38

Yesterday's first round scores

68: D. Young (US).
70: J. Blalock (US), S. Palmer (US), M. Mills (US).
71: K. McMullen (US), J. Carner (US), C. de Prado (France).
72: S. McAllister (US), M. Breer (US), J. Burasan (Canada), G. Ehret (US).
73: J. Washam (US), D. Austin (US), S. Burfeindt (US), K. Postlewait (US), J. Stephenson (Australia), K. Martin (US).
74: S. Post (Canada), K. Whitworth (US), K. Cornelius (US), S. Gullen (US).
75: C. Pastore (US), B. Robertson (GB), L. Baugh (US), H. Stacy (US), S. Spuzich (US), J. LePera (US), G. Boykin (WG), J. Kazmierski (US).
76: A. Jansmaat (Netherlands), D. Whitley (GB), A. Nicol (US), J. Rankin (US), L. Bryce (US), M. Masters (Australia).
77: L. Harrold (GB), C. Higuchi (Japan), A. Bonallack (GB), L. Perkins (GB).
78: I. Goldschmid (Italy), M. Smith (US), C. J. Skala (US), M. McKenna (Ireland), A. Bri..., S. Roberts (US), M. [illegible] (Switzerland), C. Gibbs, Keeler (US), L. Kochler, Ferraris (US).
79: S. Little (SA), J. Sn..., C. Langford (GB), L. H..., J. Anderson (GB), P. Hig..., J. Greenhalgh (GB).
80: D. Hermon (GB), M. Ha..., S. Cadden (GB), M. [illegible] (US), J. Walter (GB), J. Lee-Smith (GB).
81: A. Stant (GB), A. San..., R. Hake (GB), S. Needl..., I. Isherwood (GB).
82: S. Hamlin (US), G..., (Ireland), M. Everard, Miller (US).
83: K. Kertzman (US), I..., (GB), V. Saunders (GB), (Ireland), N. Jeanson.
84: L. Hene (GB), M. Thom..., M. Walker (GB), A. H..., land, E. O. Dwarte (S..., Hegarty (Ireland), J. ... (GB).
86: R. Powell (US), B. Ra...

British youths find form on lonely path

Britain and Ireland made a fine recovery to stop their ninth successive victory over Europe in the annual youth international match at Pannal, Harrogate, yesterday. After surprisingly losing the foursomes 3—2 the home golfers proved themselves more accomplished in the singles, which they won 7—3, for an overall margin of 9—6.

They won six of the first eight singles to gain a winning majority. Sandy Stephen, the Scottish cap, fully led the rally by beating Sita of Italy, by five and four. Stephen had a devastating run of three under par when taking six consecutive holes from the seventh. His commanding lead of six at the 12th was started by playing the better recovery after both had been bunkered. He was five under par for the 14 holes.

Mark James gained revenge for his defeat by six and five last year by beating Lionello, also of Italy, two and one. After Sandy... English amateur stroke-pl... pion, had lost his game... Kinell, of Sweden, Faldo... Poxon and Deeble all gai... fortable victories to pu... into an unassailable pos...

RESULTS (British names first):

Foursomes

S. Deeble (Alnmouth) and M. James (Burghley Park) beat S. Bent and B. Sita (Italy), 6 and 5. S. Stephen (Lundin) and N. A. Faldo (Welwyn Garden City) lost to A. Lionello and M. Manelli (Italy), 1 hole. A. W. B. Lyle (Hawkstone Park) and M. A. Poxon (Whittington Barracks) lost to K. Kinell and J. Gronqvist (Sweden), 1 hole. S. Martin (Carnoustie) and P. Wilson (Wentworth) lost to S. ... and B. Biguinau and I. Planchin (France), 1 hole. N. Busch (Sweden) and G. Harvey (Crabbie (Ire...), L. Jacobsen (Denmark) and (Germany), 3 and 1. Britain and Ireland 2, Europe 3.

Singles

Stephen beat Sita, 5 and 4; James beat Lionello, 2 and 1; Ev... Kinell, 3 and 1; Martin be... Sit..., 5 and 4; Poxon beat ...; Jo... 2 and 1; Lyle beat Manelli; ... Deeble beat (Sweden), 5 and ...; Biguinau, 1 hole; ... Jacobsen, 1 hole; Burr... Flint, 1 hole; Britain and I... Europe 5; Match result: Br... Ireland 9, Europe 6.

SPORT

Athletics

Doubt after choice of Ovett for European Cup final

y Neil Allen
thletics Correspondent

Steven Ovett, the A.A.A. 800 metres champion, was selected yesterday to run for Britain in the European Cup final in Nice on August 16 and 17 but was unavailable to say whether or not he would accept the invitation.

Ovett's coach, Harry Wilson, told me yesterday: "Steve has gone out for the day and I cannot say whether he will run or not until we have had a long talk. I am going to an athletics meeting this evening, so it looks as though there will be no decision until tomorrow."

When I pressed Mr Wilson for his own views on whether or not Ovett should run, he replied: "I must wait until I've spoken to him. At the moment I just can't say." What he could say, and did, was that he supported the decision of Lesley Kiernan, another athlete trained by him, not to run in Nice as she was aiming for the European junior championships in Athens from August 22 to 24.

Miss Kiernan had been asked by the British selectors to run at Warley this weekend, in a junior international against France, to prove her fitness. She said yesterday: "The Warley international had not been in my plans as I felt it would be too much to run after injury in three events in three weeks. I was very upset when I heard that another athlete would have to drop out so that I could be included. I knew what it was like to get my first international and I would not have liked that to happen to me. But now they want me to run as a guest it is not so bad. As I shall now be running at Warley I will forget about the cup final and concentrate on winning in Athens."

I can appreciate the point of view of Miss Kiernan, who finished second in the 1973 European junior championships. But the "hard to get" attitude of Ovett is puzzling, some other athletes including Alan Pascoe and Brendan Foster. Yesterday Derek Johnson, an Olympic silver medal winner over 800 metres in 1956, said: "If I was Ovett I would want to race as much as possible everywhere, including Nice, where the pressure, even from his teammates wanting him to win, would be valuable experience. If he wants to run at Zurich on August 20, you tell me, then let him do it as well."

In the best of all possible athletic worlds either Arthur Gold or a senior national coach would have had a friendly talk with Ovett before the selections for Nice were announced, let him know he was wanted, and listened to his wish to run in Zurich against the European champion, Luciano Susanj. But I still think Mr Wilson could do more to help in an increasingly unsatisfactory situation.

The British board's selectors have followed the most sensible course in nominating both Pascoe and Bill Hartley for the 400 metres hurdles in Nice. Hartley will run anyway as a member of the 4 x 400 metres relay team and Pascoe will keep the board informed as to his return to full fitness. Yesterday Pascoe told me that he had been sour, running on Tuesday evening but would not do any hurdling until tomorrow in Nice. He leaves London this morning.

Another welcome move by the board is that Pascoe's and Hartley's coach, George Tymms, is to be invited to travel with the British team. An invitation will also be extended to Foster's coach, Stan Long. Both coaches are bound to make the most of such an opportunity, apart from the boost their presence should give to their charges.

It is logical that Foster should be chosen for the 5,000 metres now that it has been confirmed that Ian Stewart was suffering from the initial effects of an attack of gastro-enteritis when he was forced to drop out of last weekend's AAA 5,000 metres championship. Stewart has been advised to rest for a month—with the consolation, at least, that he now knows what was wrong with him.

I do not agree with the selection of Michael Bull for the pole vault as he has blotted his copybook so many times (perhaps in as many as 20 meetings, Bull himself says) by failing to clear his opening height. Yesterday Mr Gold, aware of Bull's tendency to start too high, said: "It will be put to Bull very strongly indeed that we need points." I hope that works. But only last weekend Bull said in an interview for a Belfast newspaper: "If they want someone to take a point they should take Jeff (Gutteridge). If they want someone to gamble on getting four points, then they should take me. If I can't clear five metres (16ft 5in) any time, then I don't deserve to be in the competition."

The teams for the match between Britain and Russia at Crystal Palace on August 24 and 25 (which will be sponsored by Kraft Foods Ltd) were also announced yesterday. They include four athletes who competed against the Russians at the White City in 1966—Tancred, Bull and Travis, and Brenda Bedford, who will be representing her country for the 54th time in an outdoor match.

Britain's teams for two events

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EN: 100 and 200 metres: A. Bennett (Birchfield). 400 metres: D. Jenkins (Gateshead). 800 metres: S. Ovett (Brighton and Hove). 1,500 metres: Clement (Bellahouston). 5,000 metres: B. Foster (Gateshead). 10,000 metres: D. Black (Small Heath). 3,000 metres steeplechase: T. Staynings (Bristol). 110 metres hurdles: B. Price (Cardiff). 400 metres hurdles: W. Hartley (Liverpool) or A. Pascoe (Polytechnic). High jump: M. Butterfield (Carlisle) or A. McKenzie (Edinburgh Southern). Pole vault: M. Bull (Wolverhampton and Bilston). Long jump: A. Lerwill (Queen's Park). Triple jump: Johnson (Hallamshire). Shot: G. Capes (Enfield). Discus: W. Tancred (Birchfield). Hammer: P. Dickenson (Hillingdon). Javelin: D. Travis (Surrey). 4 x 100 metres relay (from): A. Collins (Essex), B. Green (Kingston), R. Kennedy (Wolverhampton and Bilston), C. Monk (Cardiff). 4 x 400 metres relay (from): J. Aukett (Wolverhampton and Bilston), G. Cohen (Wolverhampton and Bilston), Hartley, Jenkins, Jenkins (Edinburgh), Pascoe.

WOMEN: 100 metres: A. Lynch (Ealing). 200 metres: H. Golden (Edinburgh Southern). 400 metres: D. Murray (Bodhampton). 800 metres: To be announced. 1,500 metres: J. Allison (Cambridge). 100 metres hurdles: Blue (Mitcham). High jump: R. Few (Andover). Long jump: M. Nimmo (Edinburgh). Shot: B. Bedford (Mitcham). Discus: M. Ritchie (Dunfermline). Javelin: T. Sanderson (Wolverhampton and Bilston). 4 x 100 metres relay (from): W. Clarke (Highgate), L. Lannaman (Solihull), Lynch, Golden (Dorothy Hyman TC), G. ... (Essex). 4 x 400 metres relay (from): L. Barnes (Cambridge), V. ... (Wolverhampton and Bilston), P. ... (Wirral), Murray, J. Roscoe (Stretford), Taylor.

Crystal Palace
MEN: 100 metres: Bennett, Green. 200 metres: Bennett, ... Jewa (Thames Valley), Monk. 400 metres: Aukett, Cohen, Jenkins. 800 metres: P. Browne (Queen's Park), A. N. Other. 1500 metres: ... (Andover), Clement, Foster. ... metres: Black, J. Brown (Monkland), I. Stewart (Birchfield). 10,000 metres: B. Ford (Aldershot and Farnham), B. Plain (Cardiff), T. Simmons (Luton). 3,000 metres steeplechase: D. Coates (Gateshead), J. Davies (Thames Valley), Staynings. 110 metres hurdles: G. Gower (Hillingdon), Pascoe, Price. 400 metres hurdles: Hartley, Pascoe, S. McCallum (Edinburgh Southern). High jump: Butterfield, McKenzie, M. Palmer (Wolverhampton and Bilston). Pole vault: Bull, J. Gutteridge (Windsor, Slough and Eton), A. Williams (Cambridge). Long jump: Lerwill, R. Mitchell (Royal Navy), D. Porter (Enfield). Triple jump: W. Clark (Edinburgh Southern), Johnson, J. Phillips (Cardiff). Shot: Capes, R. Dale (Stoke), M. Winch (Brighton and Hove). Discus: J. Hillier (Hillingdon), P. Tancred (Queen's Park), W. Tancred (Birchfield). Hammer: G. Black (Edinburgh Southern), Dickenson, A. N. Other. Javelin: D. Ottley (Thurrock), R. Silvester (Haringey and Southgate), Travis. 4 x 100 metres relay (from): Bennett, Collins, Green, Kennedy, Matthews, Monk, Roberts. 4 x 400 metres relay (from): Aukett, Bennett, Cohen, Hartley, D. Jenkins, R. Jenkins, Pascoe. 20 kilometres walk: O. Flynn (Basildon), R. Mills (Ilford), A. Seddon (Enfield).

WOMEN: 100 metres: Golden, Lynch, V. Peat (Hickleton Main). 200 metres: Golden, Lynch, Lannaman. 400 metres: Elder, Murray, Taylor. 800 metres: M. Coomber (Cambridge), A. Creamer (Rotherham), C. McMeekin (Maryhill). 1,500 metres: Allison, H. Hollick (Kent), M. Stewart (Birchfield). 3,000 metres: C. Haskett (Dundee), J. Smith (Barnet), A. Yeoman (Feltham). 100 metres hurdles: Boothe, L. Sutherland (Edinburgh Southern), B. Thompson (Birchfield). High jump: D. Brown (Kent), Few, V. Harrison (Liverpool). Long jump: R. Martin-Jones (Birchfield), Nimmo, S. Reeve (Birchfield). Shot: Bedford, V. Head (Army), J. Kerr (Mitcham). Discus: L. Mallin (Torquay), Ritchie, J. Thompson (Bracknell). Javelin: S. Corbett (Solihull), J. King (Croydon), Sanderson. 4 x 100 metres relay (from): Golden, Lannaman, Lynch, Peat, Ramsden, Taylor. 4 x 400 metres relay (from): Barnes, Elder, Murray, Roscoe, Taylor.

Horse show

Final barrage proves too high for all but three

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris
Dublin, Aug 6

Major Raimondo d'Inzeo and Bellevue followed up their victory ... yesterday by sharing the ... ils for the Shell puissance, ... ich they have won or divided ... five occasions since 1971. With ... wall at seven feet for the final ... rage, it was also cleared by ... Newbury on the gallant ... ffles, who also shared the puissance in London two weeks ago ... Elwin Schockemöhle on Rex ... Robber, and by Brian Henry ... Benvarden for Ireland. Harvey ... th and Salvador, Britain's only ... er finalist, dropped out with ... wall at six feet eight inches.

... he first of the championships, ... Anthony Maude cup for the ... e-year-old winners, was awarded to Thomas Moloney's Kilkenny ... the chestnut Rainbow by ... train. The colt was bred by ... ward Byrne, at Tallow, who has ... the class for potential heavyweights. Bought as a yearling, his ... cesses this year include Cork, ... nmel and Kilkenny. The reserve ... Jack Deacon's bay Wexford ... se, the likely middle-weight ... ley Vale, a son of Pele's sire, ... Cork stallion Go-Tohann, who ... by the French classic horse, ... oun.

... e is unbeaten this season except ... Enniscorthy, where he went ... er to a horse for which George ... pman, Master of the Island ... ands, had paid £2,000. Unfortu... ely his vanquisher was unable to be present. He has developed a four-year-old mouth, and this advanced state of dentitian resulted in his being deemed ineligible for Dublin by the veterinary panel on Monday.

Rainbow went on to win the Laidlaw Cup for the champion young horse, the first heavyweight to do so for some years. A thoroughbred two-year-old was reserve, Mrs Stoney's big brown Kasper, by Perspex out of Khalketta, and bred by John Smiddy in Youghal.

The heavyweight classes brought out two impressive four-year-olds. The first was Mrs Shallow's 17.3 hands bay gelding, Nipper, another son of Babrain, who was second at Gorey on his only other previous outing. The other was Mrs Warren's Choral Vale, by Choral Society out of the mare Queensvale, who won the four-year-old class here 16 years ago and was also a winner of the coveted Pembroke Cup for horses bred by the exhibitor.

With the benefit of the senior Michael Hickey—whose son and namesake is in the Irish jumping team—in the saddle, Choral Vale took the 14-15 stone class and seems a likely contender for the heavyweight cup tomorrow, the only danger to Jack White's lightweight four-year-old for the supreme award. Thomas Quigley's Cork champion won his class but seems unlikely to pursue this initial advantage much further.

SHELL PUISSANCE: 1, Major R. d'Inzeo's Bellevue; ... T. Newbury's Snaffles and B. Henry's Benvarden.

Tennis

Miss Brasher through

Kate Brasher, the 13-year-old daughter of Shirley Brasher, the former British champion, was ... the round-robin section ... ners of the under-14 singles in ... national age group championships (sponsored by Green Shield) ... Eastbourne yesterday. She beat ... ton Hill, of Gloucestershire, a ... r her senior, 3—6, 6—4, 6—0 ... a place in the quarter-final ... nd, where she meets Joy Tacon ... Norwich.

Boy's under-16
QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: A. Paton (Lancashire) beat M. Ludlow (Yorkshire) ...; M. R. J. Appleton (Lancashire) beat M. D. Grive (Middlesex), ...; ... (Lancashire) beat N. Goodman (Shropshire), ...; N. D. Lowden (Yorkshire) beat T. Heath (Lincolnshire), 6—3, 6—1.

Girls' under-16
QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: C. Harrison (Surrey) beat C. Drury (Lincolnshire), ...; A. P. Cooper (Kent) beat D. A. Jevons (Essex), ...; L. C. Robinson (Yorkshire) beat D. S. Parker (Kent), ...; A. E. Hobbs (Cheshire) beat J. Moffatt (Devon), 7—5, 6—3.

Racing

Winner who was nobody's favourite

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Another big crowd, at Brighton, basking in the sunshine in various states of dress—there were no streakers there despite the heat—enjoyed another exciting day's racing yesterday. And there was no more eventful race than the Brighton Challenge Cup which was won by Our Manny. The bare facts were that Our Manny beat Ribellaro by a head and that he in turn was four lengths in front of the favourite, Calaba, at the end. But no little drama lay beneath those statistics.

Most of us thought that Calaba would win and the holidaymakers took her to their hearts, so much so that she started at short odds, even though there were two course specialists in the field. But Calaba ran a wretched race. Murray told her trainer, David Morley, that the only excuse that he could offer for her bad performance was a combination of the ground and the course. Apparently she changed her legs continually racing down the hill. As a result she was never really in contention and she only pinched third prize on the line.

Our Manny was blissfully at ease on this the course where he had already won twice. He took complete command of the situation a little over a furlong out, but no sooner had he done so than his rider, Starkey, appeared to do his best to throw the prize away. Believing that he was coasting home Starkey dropped his hands and Our Manny, who is nothing if not a character according to his trainer, Guy Harwood, responded immediately by dropping anchor. The result was they were almost caught napping by young Richard Fox riding Ribellaro.

Our Manny stopped so fast that Ribellaro almost ran into him. Fox just managed to pull him out in the nick of time and avoid a collision. The photograph of the finish showed that it was by only the odd inch that Ribellaro failed to pluck the prize from under Starkey's nose. Fox promptly poured fuel onto the fire by objecting to Starkey for crossing and taking his ground half a furlong from home, but the stewards would have none of it, interesting though the film was

It was is well for Starkey that Our Manny just held on. Had he been beaten he would have incurred the wrath of the crowd, not to mention the stewards. As it was there were a few spectators around the unsaddling enclosure who were quite prepared to tell him precisely what they thought of his effort. Yet Harwood defended his jockey saying that Our Manny is a law unto himself and that Starkey rides the old horse better than anyone. Such is racing.

Our Manny may run next at Epsom on the Bank Holiday in the Steve Donoghue Apprentice Stakes which he won two years ago. Always back the outsider of three. That has been a saying in racing for as long as I can remember. Those who followed the old adage were rewarded with 9-2 to their money when Touch of Gold beat his only rivals Petocracy and Quizair to win Ladbrokes's Lucky Seven Handicap.

For a while it seemed that Marshall might be hemmed in against the rails by his two rivals, but an opening obligingly appeared in the nick of time. And through Touch of Gold went. Once in full cry there was no holding him. Touch of Gold was the second of two winners for the father-son partnership of Bill and Richard Marshall who won the seller handicap earlier with Stormer.

Winter's stable has been slow to find its customary rhythm this season, but his horses are beginning to hit form at long last and his two-year-old, Quito, won the Beach Stakes easily. Taylor spent most of the last furlong pulling Quito up yet he still won by four lengths. Quito is closely related to that talented sprinter, Realm, who is now making his name as a stallion. Like Realm, Quito was bred by his owners, Robert and Rex Boucher, who sent him up to Newmarket to be sold last autumn, but eventually bought him in for 6,000 guineas. Mercer, in his most stylish and compelling mood, won the Lanes Stakes on Velvella and then rounded off a good afternoon by winning the Hassocks Stakes on Muy Hombre.

The Brighton Sprint Handicap is the most valuable race there this afternoon. Horses who act well at Epsom usually cope with the gradients at Brighton as well and I think that Le Vingt-Huit, who won the William Hill Champion Sprint at Epsom in June, has a good chance of winning today.

Since his big moment at Epsom Le Vingt-Huit has been beaten less than a length by the talented older sprinter Roman Warrior, in the Gosforth Park Cup at Newcastle. Also in the field is Turnkey, a year older than Le Vingt-Huit and a talented sprinter on his day. But he has not struck form this season and I prefer the younger horse.

Amadou, who has already won over this course and distance this season, enters the fray with a 10lb penalty which she incurred when she won her most recent race, the Chichester City Stakes, at Goodwood last Saturday. But Piggott, who rode her, had to work desperately hard and I am inclined to doubt whether she can win this race which looks altogether tougher. Our Newmarket Correspondent insists that there is a good race in Strictly Private, but he is at a loss to explain why this colt has run so indifferently this season because he has worked well.

Not much has gone right this season for Noel Murless whose horses have been troubled by a blood disorder. Only last week he remarked to me that you have to be a brave person to back one of his horses these days.

Yet it is still possible to make out a case why his well-bred three-year-old Sunniest Day should win the Cliftonville Stakes and why his filly, Gliding, could win the Edburton Handicap if she is at her best. Sunniest Day would be an appropriately named winner at this time. He is a half-brother to that classic filly, Mysterious, by another classic horse, Royal Palace. Although he has not lived up to his lofty breeding he ran well enough in his last race at Ascot when he finished third behind Mumtaz Princess and VAT in the Cranbourn Chase Stakes to suggest that a prize of this nature ought to be well within his grasp.

Lantonside is also by Royal Palace—who has yet to make an impact as a stallion—and could be the one to bracket with Sunniest Day in a forecast. Gliding, who hopefully will be the second leg of a Murless double, is my selection for the last race. When she won a similar race run on this course in June she beat Amadou decisively. Gliding started favourite for her next race at the Newmarket July meeting, but ran abominably. That was too bad to be true and she is entitled to another chance. John Dunlop, who travels far and wide in search of winners, has only a short distance to bring his horses from Arundel to Brighton. This season he has campaigned persistently in the north, but on this occasion he should pick up at least one prize and possibly two nearer home.



Touch of Gold, the outsider of three, rewards her backers.

STATE OF GOING (official): Brighton: Firm. Pontefract: Hard. Warwick: Seven furlongs and under, good to firm; remainder, firm. Devon: Hard. Haydock Park (tomorrow): Good to firm (watering). Lingfield Park (tomorrow): Firm. Redcar (tomorrow): Firm.

Gallant Bid can repel her southern rivals

By John Karter

Only 28 runners turn out for the six races at Pontefract today, yet another testimony to the cement-like state of the ground as the solar onslaught continues. Particularly disappointing is the field of only four for the main event of the afternoon, the Websters Pennine Handicap (3.45) worth £2,050 to the winner. It may well be that Elsey's filly, Gallant Bid, will repel her three southern rivals to keep the prize in the north.

In her most recent outing, Gallant Bid won another sponsored race, the Darley Brewery Handicap, over this course, beating Wephen by a length and a half. She has won a maiden race at Redcar and a handicap at Ayr this season and run creditably to finish seventh in the Magnet Cup at York. On paper, however, Hills's filly, Verity's Request, who recently finished a good third to Welsh Pearl at Ascot, has the beating of Gallant Bid.

They met in the Ebbisham Handicap at the Derby meeting in June and finished second and sixth to Dazzling Light. The weights now favour Verity's Request. It is not easy to justify suggesting a reversal of the form, but Gallant Bid might be the more progressive of the two, and the booking of Carson seems significant. Proud Pathan, who gained his third win of the season when he beat Stark Ribot at Bath on Monday, appeals more than the top weight, Right Ahead, who has run poorly in her two races this year.

Stephenson's filly Tanaria should repeat her success of last year in the August Handicap (4.15). She has gone up sharply in the weights, but looks capable of dealing with St Severin and Caribbean Boy. Hills may take the opening Carleton Maiden Plate (2.45) with Princess Sovereign, who looked a future winner when she finished third to Oudalia at Wolverhampton recently.

Sponsors stop betting on Redcar event

The sponsors have suspended betting on the £8,000 William Hill Gold Cup at Redcar on Saturday. There were 12 four-day acceptors for the race, but several of them are known to be doubtful runners.

A spokesman for the company said: "In the first place, we had hoped for a better response from owners and trainers towards this prestigious event.

"We are extremely disappointed to have to take the unprecedented step of suspending betting—particularly on such an important race in our sponsorship calendar. But we do not wish to mislead the public by letting them back horses which are unlikely to run."

The Wantage trainer Matthew McCourt, who successfully saddled Rock Eton in the Summer Novices' Hurdle at Devon and Exeter a year ago, attempts to win the corresponding race with Super Max today. Later in the afternoon, Toby Balding will try for the Sir Reginald Leeds Hurdle for the second year running. He won it with Rolyat last time and now runs Croftamie.

Carson scores a double at Pontefract

William Carson landed a double at Pontefract yesterday, on Lord Helpus and Carnera, but with any luck would have had four. He finished second on Isomer and Tattle Tale, both of whom had bad runs.

The consistent Lord Helpus was odds-on to beat his sole rival, Venus of Stretham, in the Colfigs Juvenile Plate and did it smoothly, recording the 55th winner of the season for Barry Hills, who said the colt will stay farther.

Carnera, also odds on, made practically all the running in the Rotherham Stakes. He looked in danger of defeat when Eric Eldin launched a powerful challenge on Lunariver in the straight, but Carson is not easily passed, and Carnera rallied to hang on by half a length.

Grundy is among 50 first acceptors for the Waterford Crystal Mile to be run at Goodwood on August 23. Rose Bowl and Lianga, second and third respectively to Bolkonski in the Sussex Stakes on the course last week, are also in the list.

Brighton results yesterday

2.00 (2.1) BEACH STAKES (2-y-o: £612: 6f)
Quito, b c, by So Blessed—Quita II (R. Boucher), 9-0 ... B. Taylor (5-6) 1
Survival, b c, by Falcon—White Bunnie (D. Lark), 9-0 ... R. Marshall (4-1) 2
Half Price Offer, b c, by Communication—Double Bargain (J. Seward-Smith), 9-0 ... F. Durr (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Tenoros (4th), 7-1 Prince of Nassau, 33-1 Doon Founded. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 12p, 18p; forecast, 40p. J. Winter, at Newmarket. 4l, 3l. 1min 11.65sec.

2.30 (2.32) STANMER HANDICAP (£553: 7f)
Stormer, b h, by Arctic Storm—Final Bloom (W. Marshall), 7-9-3 ... R. Marshall (8-1) 1
Welsh Dragon, b h, by Welsh Abbot—Suzy Wong II (Mrs T. Gates), 7-9-9 ... G. Ramshaw (5-1 fav) 2
Avon Royale, ch f, by Remainder—Avon Princess (A. Block), 4-9-2 ... B. Taylor (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Scaramander, 15-2 Dawn Affair, 8-1 Disputed Gift, 10-1 Ianonia, Loughboro' George, 12-1 Swagman (4th), 16-1 Cyclamate, 33-1 Flying Bridge, Handshake, Mariello Park. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 39p, 19p, 33p. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. Hd, sh hd. 1min 23.52sec.

3.00 (3.1) LADBROKES HANDICAP (£1,144: 1m)
Touch of Gold, ch c, by Golden Dipper—Keep in Touch (Mrs N. Lonsdale), 3-9-0 ... R. Marshall (9-2) 1
Petocracy, b f, by Pelingo—Anticlea (Dr J. Hobby), 4-9-1 ... P. Eddery (6-4) 2
Quizair, ch h, by Quisling—Amber Breeze (G. Macdonald), 6-9-7 ... M. L. Thomas (6-5 fav) 3
TOTE: Win, 51p; forecast, £1.09. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. 2½l, hd. 1min 38.75sec.

3.30 (3.33) BRIGHTON CUP (Handicap: £1,492: 1½m)
Our Manny, b g, by Faberge II—Honeymoon (R. Doughty), 6-9-1 ... G. Starkey (11-2) 1
Ribellaro, b c, by Ribocco—Dianella (Capt M. Lemos), 3-7-2 ... R. Fox (8-1) 2
Calaba, b m, by Nelcius—Santa Maria (Ld Fairhaven), 5-9-7 ... A. Murray (5-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Belper (4th), 8-1 Wishing Star, 10-1 King's Equity. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 28p, 20p; forecast, £3.11. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. Sh hd, 4l. 2min 33.23sec.

4.0 (4.2) LANES STAKES (£804: 1m)
Velvella, b c, by Right Tack—Nanas Girl (W. Greenbaum), 3-8-4 ... J. Mercer (13-8 fav) 1
Calhive, b f, by Calliban—Honey House (R. Porter), 3-7-9 ... R. Fox (12-1) 2
Pelipat, b f, by Pelingo—Paternina (Capt M. Lemos), 3-8-2 ... A. Murray (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Tie Break (4th), 6-1 Lady Dacre, 20-1 Bunting, 33-1 Pebble Mill. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 19p, 48p; dual forecast, £2.06. Maj P. Nelson, at Lambourn. 1l, 5l. 1min 35.34sec.

4.30 (4.31) HASSOCKS STAKES (3-y-o: £611: 6f)
Muy Hombre, br c, by Crimson Satan—Consentida (Mrs C. Sie George), 9-0 ... J. Mercer (5-4 fav) 1
Mainstreet, b f, by Great White Way (USA)—Berecchina (D. Sieff), 8-11 ... B. Taylor (33-1) 2
Rose Track, b c, by Track Spare—Camp Follower (R. Tikkoo), 9-0 ... F. Durr (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bally Prince, 7-1 Presently Do, 8-1 God Willing (4th), 10-1 Windmill Boy, 12-1 Copper Castle, 33-1 Bleikle, Roi de Frontiere, Turk. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 14p, 55p, 25p. H. Cecil, Newmarket. 2½l, 3l. 1min 10.25sec. Right On did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Touch of Gold, Velvella, £6.95. TREBLE: Stormer, Our Manny, Muy Hombre, £17.75. JACKPOT: £8,807.05. Guaranteed pool today, £2,000.

Acceptors

WATERFORD CRYSTAL MILE (Goodwood, August 23): All Friends, Anne's Pretender, Antipode, Arthur Lees, Berlett, Boldboy, Broadway Dancer, Charlie Bubbles, Common Land, Coup de Feu, Courtly Lad, Dingle, Dominion, El Rastro, Escanologist, Galiano, Gay Fandango, General Vos, Glorious Devon, Great Ball, Green Belt, Grundy, Halleas, High Award, Himawari, Hunza Dancer, Imperial March, Inis-Glaire, Johannesburg, Joking Apart, La Grange, Lianga, Lluv, Long Row, Mark Anthony, Master Skipper, Nurabad, Paris Review, Reap the Wind, Record Token, Red Regent, River Blue, Rose Bowl, Rousealka, Royal Bust, Sceptered Isle, Talk of the Town, Taros, Understudy, Wanlockhead.

Brighton programme

2.0 BLACK ROCK STAKES (2-y-o: £598: 7f)
101 000 Back One Eleven (Mrs A. Whiteside), R. Hannon, 9-0 ... F. Durr 2
102 4043 Fire Plan (Mrs C. Phillipson), J. Winter, 9-0 B. Taylor 2
104 0 Pillar-Box (C. Behrens), H. Cecil, 9-0 ... A. Bond 6
106 0000 Solid State (R. Poil), G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 ... A. Murray 4
107 200 Tartan Trooper (D. McKenzie), W. Marshall, 9-0 R. Marshall 1
109 Tug of War (A. Perry), D. Whelan, 9-0 ... B. Rouse 3
111 Laura Lou (C. East), S. Supple, 8-11 ... I. Johnson 5
112 3 Red Ruby (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 8-11 Ron Hutchinson 8
113 Sparkling Wine (H. J. Joel), N. Murless, 8-11 G. Lewis 7
5-2 Red Ruby, 3-1 Fire Plan, 4-1 Tartan Trooper, 6-1 Sparkling Wine, 10-1 Solid State, 12-1 Back One Eleven, 20-1 others.

2.30 CLIFTONVILLE STAKES (£712: 1½m)
201 303420 Spergula (S. Vanian), R. Boss, 4-9-2 ... R. Oxland 7
202 000-024 Dear Remus (Sir H. Ingram), P. Cole, 3-8-10 R. Edmondson 1
203 32-000 Leonello (C. Elliot), C. Brittain, 3-8-10 ... A. Murray 2
204 0-000 Never Second (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 3-8-10 B. Taylor 6
205 3-0033 Sunniest Day (G. Pope, jun), N. Murless, 3-8-10 G. Lewis 3
207 00 Lantonside (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 3-8-7 Ron Hutchinson 5
11-8 Sunniest Day, 4-1 Spergula, 5-1 Dear Remus, 13-2 Lantonside, 8-1 Never Second, 10-1 Leonello.

3.0 BRIGHTON SPRINT HANDICAP (£1,504: 6f)
301 0d1-000 Turnkey (D) (Mrs D. Wigan), N. Murless, 4-10-0 A. Murray 3
303 103023 King of Troy (C) (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 3-8-11 R. Marshall 4
304 041424 Le Vingt-Huit (S. Powell), J. Sutcliffe, 3-8-7 B. Rouse 1
305 1-40030 Strictly Private (Mrs D. McNab), J. Winter, 3-8-4 B. Taylor 5
306 011211 Amadou (CD) (W. Reynolds), B. Hanbury, 3-8-4 F. Durr 6
307 030320 Blastaven (CD) (M. Lockey), G. Hunter, 6-7-11 P. Cook 2
2-1 Le Vingt-Huit, 11-4 Amadou, 7-2 King of Troy, 6-1 Strictly Private, 8-1 Blastaven, 12-1 Turnkey.

3.30 RINGMER STAKES (2-y-o: £826: 5f)
401 00020 Cloud Yellow (R. Barnett), B. Swift, 8-11 ... P. Cook 1
402 401400 The Maylair Angel (J. Aziz), R. Hannon, 8-11 F. Durr 3
403 000 Penny Arcade (G. Pearce), W. Marshall, 8-11 R. Marshall 8
405 400 Polyanna (G. Pratt), M. Prescott, 8-8 ... A. Murray 7
406 000 Teraleno (Mrs A. Fawkes), T. Molony, 8-8 ... B. Taylor 6
410 342004 The Little Poem (A. Clegg), P. Cole, 8-2 ... J. Lynch 4
412 000 Amanda Blue (F. Laker), R. Smyth, 7-11 I. Jenkinson 5
413 332403 Tubular Bells (J. Stafford), P. Haslam, 7-11 ... J. Reid 5
9-4 Cloud Yellow, 3-1 Polyanna, 9-2 The Little Poem, 13-2 The Mayfair Angel, 8-1 Tubular Bells, 10-1 Penny Arcade, 16-1 others.

4.0 AQUARIUM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £804: 1m)
501 2-00414 Mount Street (CD) (D. Montagu), J. Dunlop, 9-7 R. Hutchinson 5
502 110203 Western Isle (CD) (S. Garner), R. Hannon, 9-6 ... F. Durr 1
503 0-00224 Gently Does It (C) (Col Sir D. Clague), P. Nelson, 9-5 I. Johnson 5 4
505 340040 Ephesian (C) (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 9-0 R. Marshall 3
507 04-0101 Crown Major (C) (B. Grove), M. Bolton, 8-6 J. Lynch 2
7-4 Mount Street, 11-4 Gently Does It, 7-2 Western Isle, 9-2 Crown Major, 10-1 Ephesian.

4.30 EDBURTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £658: 5f)
601 00-0000 Maninga (B. Cantle), J. Winter, 9-10 ... B. Taylor 2
602 024-410 Gliding (C) (Mrs D. Wigan), N. Murless, 9-6 G. Lewis 3
604 024034 Musical Piece (R. Prentice), R. Hanbury, 9-3 ... F. Durr 4
605 002012 Ribramble (H. Copsey), R. Smyth, 9-3 ... P. Cheese 7 5
607 000004 Eve (C. Tebbs), T. Molony, 8-11 ... J. Reid 5 7
608 000-200 Vrondi (G. Tachmindji), B. Wise, 8-11 ... A. Bond 1
611 400330 Fort Henry (J. Parsons), S. Woodman, 8-0 ... R. Fox 5 6
5-2 Gliding, 3-1 Musical Piece, 4-1 Ribramble, 6-1 Vrondi, 8-1 Maninga, 10-1 Fort Henry, 20-1 Eve.

Brighton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 RED RUBY is specially recommended. 2.30 Sunniest Day. 3.0 Le Vingt-Huit. 3.30 Polyanna. 4.0 Western Isle. 4.30 Gliding.

Warwick programme

2.15 HAMPTON LUCY PLATE (2-y-o: £311: 6f)
5 0000 Four Eyes, B. Cambidge, 9-0 ... K. Lewis 5 7
6 0 Red Hills, S. Supple, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 3
7 000 Red Rogue, M. Haynes, 9-0 ... — 5
8 00 Sadebah, J. Edmunds, 9-0 ... I. Emes 5 4
15 0024 Goldwig, L. Barratt, 8-11 ... G. Sexton 6
17 00300 Lady Chief, J. Hardy, 8-11 ... C. Moss 1
22 00 Mistral Rose, T. Corrie, 8-11 ... G. Cadwaladr 8
25 404 Roger the Lodger, Mrs R. Lomax, 8-11 ... D. Yates 2
31 00 Ashby Don, M. Prescott, 8-4 ... G. Duffield 9
13-8 Goldwig, 11-4 Roger the Lodger, 9-2 Lady Chief, 8-1 Ashby Don, 10-1 Red Hill, 12-1 Mistral Rose, 16-1 others.

2.45 ALVESTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £494: 2m)
1 004111 Orchy (D), P. Walwyn, 9-11 ... P. Eddery 3
6 044021 Regal Rocket (D), G. P-Gordon, 9-5 ... G. Duffield 1
9 000000 Minton, P. Haslam, 8-8 ... R. Wernham 3 5
12 00-000 Some Springs, S. Supple, 8-5 ... M. Thomas 4
13 0-00003 Powdered Sugar, R. Houghton, 8-1 ... D. Cullen 3
4-5 Orchy, 7-4 Regal Rocket, 15-2 Powdered Sugar, 16-1 others.

3.15 PACKWOOD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £416: 5f)
2 100331 Chief Constable (D), B. Swift, 9-2 ... K. Daniels 7 1
3 323 Mums the Word, P. Nelson, 9-1 ... J. Mercer 2
4 20301 Acquire (D), P. Walwyn, 8-12 ... P. Eddery 5
5 03124 Argumental P (CD), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 ... T. Ives 6
10 s041 Alfy Odell (CD), J. Hardy, 7-13 ... C. Moss 3
11 20041 Hot Belle, R. Mason, 7-5 ... N. Brannock 7 4
5-2 Acquire, 7-2 Chief Constable, 4-1 Mums the Word, 5-1 Argumental P, 6-1 Alfy Odell, 10-1 Hot Belle.

3.45 STONEBRIDGE PLATE (2-y-o: £345: 7f)
6 00 French Reverse, R. Hannon, 8-11 ... P. Perkins 5
8 00 Golden Rai, J. Edwards, 8-11 ... C. Williams 1
12 0 Trasi's Son, M. Tate, 8-11 ... C. Moss 8
13 000 Alison's My Girl, J. Spearing, 8-8 ... J. Curant 2
15 000 Brightest and Best, G. Miller, 8-8 ... G. Sexton 7
17 2 Damnation, M. Prescott, 8-8 ... G. Duffield 4
18 0 Lawrence Johnston, R. Jarvis, 8-8 ... M. Thomas 6
21 0002 Tuesedo, G. P-Gordon, 8-8 ... D. Maitland 3
11-8 Damnation, 2-1 Tuesedo, 4-1 Lawrence Johnston, 10-1 French Reverse, 14-1 others.

4.15 HENLEY IN ARDEN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £487: 5f)
2 412331 Chaplin (D), D. Keith, 9-0 ... N. Crowther 7
3 000012 Singing Time (CD), W. Wightman, 8-13 ... P. Eddery 2
5 032333 Pleasure Garden, R. Collingridge, 8-9 ... M. Thomas 4
6 300240 Radstone, S. Stevens, 7-11 ... S. Perks 1
10 0-000 Storm Touch, W. Payne, 7-8 ... — 1
11 000012 Wrenaldo (D), S. Supple, 7-7 ... R. Still 5
7-4 Chaplin, 11-4 Singing Time, 9-2 Radstone, 6-1 Pleasure Garden, 10-1 Wrenaldo, 14-1 Storm Touch.

4.45 WARWICK PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 1¼m 170yds)
1 000-03 Kilhalela, D. Ravson, 9-0 ... J. Foan 1
5 4-32030 Moonstrike, R. Houghton, 9-0 ... F. Morby 8
7 004200 Royeco, H. Williams, 9-0 ... — 7
10 000000 Watch-Bear, Doug Smith, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 3
12 Charlie Battle, G. Miller, 8-11 ... A. Griffiths 7 5
15 02044 Dunratz, P. Makin, 8-11 ... G. Duffield 6
19 003204 Kinvaston, B. Cambidge, 8-11 ... C. Moss 2
25 0 Nicola Lisa, J. Pearce, 8-11 ... D. Cullen 10
29 0-00 Vilportion, L. Barratt, 8-11 ... G. Sexton 1
33 403-023 Welsh Treaty, G. P-Gordon, 8-11 ... M. Thomas 9
5-2 Moonstrike, 100-30 Welsh Treaty, 5-1 Dunratz, 11-2 Royeco, 8-1 Watch-Bear, 10-1 Kinvaston, 12-1 Vilportion, 16-1 others.

Pontefract programme

2.45 CARLETON PLATE (2-y-o maiden fillies: £483: 5f)
2 0 Beaumont Belle (Ld Fairhaven), R. Jarvis, 8-11 ... E. Eldin 2
5 0 Fast Prospect (E. Badger), H. Williams, 8-11 B. Raymond 3
9 000 Lady Chairman (B. Coulson), S. Wainwright, 8-11 J. Seagrave 4
10 Margaret Street (Mrs J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-11 P. Young 5 7
12 03 Princess Sovereign (Mrs Frazier), B. Hills, 8-11 W. Carson 8
13 Rippling (Mrs Wigan), M. Stoute, 8-11 ... G. Starkey 6
14 422 Self Satisfied (A. Samuel), Doug Smith, 8-11 T. McKeown 1
16 004 Skiddy River (M. Marshall), J. Calvert, 8-11 S. Freeman 7 8
5-2 Self Satisfied, 7-2 Princess Sovereign, 4-1 Rippling, 8-1 Skiddy River, Margaret Street, 12-1 Beaumont Belle, Fast Prospect, 20-1 Lady Chairman.

3.15 DODSWORTH STAKES (2-y-o: £469: 6f)
5 No Interference (F. Taylor), A. Kemp, 8-5 ... P. Kelleher 3
13 0002 Captive Melody (J. Harrington), B. Hills, 8-2 ... W. Carson 4
22 40 Lizzie Eustace (H. Blackshaw), Blackshaw, 8-2 ... M. Nuttall 2
27 0030 Town Tipp (Mrs Raphaelson), R. Bastiman, 8-2 A. Barclay 1
4-5 Captive Melody, 7-4 Lizzie Eustace, 8-1 Town Tipp, 10-1 No Interference.

3.45 WEBSTERS PENNINE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,050: 1m)
3 2431-00 Right Ahead (C. Hurt), G. P-Gordon, 9-7 ... E. Eldin 1
4 121001 Gallant Bid (CD) (W. Behrens), W. Elsey, 9-2 W. Carson 4
5 012413 Verity's Request (C) (R. Bonnycastle), B. Hills, 8-9 A. Barclay 3
6 014131 Proud Pathan (D) (Sir J. Scott), D. Sasse, 8-13 ... T. Cain 5 2
13-8 Verity's Request, 2-1 Proud Pathan, 11-4 Gallant Bid, 6-1 Right Ahead.

4.15 AUGUST HANDICAP (£574: 6f)
4 2314-30 St Severin (W. Gooch), H. Westbrook, 3-9-4 ... G. Starkey 1
5 10-0042 Tanaria (CD) (W. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-9-2 D. Ryan 3
6 001010 Caribbean Boy (D) (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 6-8-13 D. Nicholls 5 2
Evens Tanaria, 6-4 St Severin, 3-1 Caribbean Boy.

4.45 STEWARDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £690: 1¼m)
2 30-0321 Love Rocket (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-10 B. Raymond 2
3 0-0134 Aylsham (Mrs Shirley), J. Bethell, 9-0 ... A. Launchbury 3
4 00-0000 Naivasha (C. Tattersall), A. Potts, 8-13 ... J. Seagrave 1
1-2 Love Rocket, 5-2 Aylsham, 6-1 Naivasha.

5.15 LEEDS PLATE (3-y-o: £483: 1½m)
1 034300 Baltic Ruler (N. Simpson), R. Jarvis, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 3
2 00-004 Beryl's Boy (Mrs Clark), I. Walker, 9-0 ... W. Carson 6
10 0-40 Hatbox (Mrs Hurt), G. P-Gordon, 8-11 ... G. Starkey 5
13 00000-0 Ladyrullah (S. Bowring), F. Dever, 8-11 ... S. Houlker 7 2
16 00 Pavement Artist (H. Thomson Jones), Thomson Jones, 8-11 A. Kimberley 1
17 003032 Porto Rico (G. Dady), J. Etherington, 8-11 ... C. Dwyer 4
2-1 Porto Rico, 3-1 Beryl's Boy, 9-2 Baltic Ruler, 8-1 Hatbox, 8-1 Pavement Artist, 14-1 Ladyrullah.

Pontefract selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.45 Princess Sovereign. 3.15 Captive Melody. 3.45 Gallant Bid. 4.15 Tanaria. 4.45 Love Rocket. 5.15 Porto Rico.

Devon and Exeter programme

2.30 PARKIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 2m 40yd)
1 310204- Amigris, A. Jarvis, 9-11-13 ... P. Blacker
2 131002- Purbeck Pylon (CD), N. Wakley, 8-11-1 ... N. Wakley
6 00p03- *Harungu (CD), C. Bewicke, 8-10-7 ... J. King
8 3p00u-2 Mighty Marine, J. Bradley, 6-10-3 ... M. Williams 7
9 p0p- Advocate, C. Fryer, 10-10-0 ... M. Wagner
13-8 Amigris, 9-4 Mighty Marine, 11-4 Purbeck Pylon, 16-1 Advocate.

3.0 SUMMER HURDLE (Novices: £306: 2m)
1 44242-1 Canna Light, D. H. Jones, 6-11-8 ... T. Walshe 5
2 0p0032- Abellaro, A. Stevens, 5-11-1 ... R. Champion
3 200420- Idlewild, W. Whiston, 9-11-1 ... P. Russell
4 200400- Milwyn, R. Clay, 8-11-1 ... P. Connors 5
5 00- Salop, A. Sutton, 5-11-1 ... Mr Wilding 7
6 p0- Signorelli, W. Clay, 5-11-1 ... K. Clay 5
10 p00020- Super Mex, M. McCourt, 5-11-1 ... K. White
12 pp0- Tipple, R. Pincombe, 7-11-1 ... Mr Reeves 5
13 Vengo, M. Pipe, 7-11-1 ... N. Wakley
14 p00-0 Blue Baker, R. Bastiman, 4-10-10 ... B. Brogan
15 000004- Fougero, Mrs Whitfield, 4-10-10 ... C. Smith 7
18 002p- King of Kings, P. Haslam, 4-10-10 ... B. McNally 7
20 0p0000- Miss Overton, M. James, 4-10-10 ... R. Barry
21 000004- Parsnip, H. Manners, 4-10-10 ... G. McNally
22 Princess Debra, D. Dale, 4-10-10 ... J. Spouse 7
23 Ron's Lass, J. Bradley, 4-10-10 ... M. Williams 7
5-2 Abellaro, 7-2 Canna Light, 7-1 Fougero, 8-1 Super Mex, 10-1 Parsnip, Idlewild, 12-1 Ron's Lass, 16-1 Milwyn, Blue Baker, Vengo, 20-1 others.

3.30 PEVERELL HURDLE (Novices: £408: 2m)
1 Anner Amanda, G. Harwood, 11-0 ... C. Read
2 Bam Bam, W. Marshall, 11-0 ... M. Wagner
3 Carry On Father, A. Jones, 11-0 ... P. Steel 7
5 2 Little Ditch, G. Kindersley, 11-0 ... W. Shoemark
7 0 Lucky French, P. Haslam, 11-0 ... B. McNally 7
8 Maple Tree, A. Jones, 11-0 ... G. Williams 7
9 Military Debt, L. Kennard, 11-0 ... E. Wright
10 Panic Stations, G. Harwood, 11-0 ... G. Lawson
11 Red Court, A. Stevens, 11-0 ... R. Champion
12 0 Sky Myth, L. Kennard, 11-0 ... John Williams
6-4 Little Ditch, 6-1 Bam Bam, 6-1 Military Debt, 8-1 Panic Stations, 10-1 Carry On Father, Anner Amanda, 14-1 Sky Myth, Lucky French, 20-1 others.

4.0 BELVEDERE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 3m 1f)
1 130p04- Pine Lodge (CD), D. Gandolfo, 9-11-0 ... P. Barton 5
2 pp00b0- Kuluwand (CD), G. Balding, 10-11-6 ... —
4 000uf-u Zabo, R. Clay, 9-10-2 ... J. T. Bourke
6 0243f-0 Coxmoor Maid, R. Bastiman, 5-10-0 ... B. Brogan
8-11 Pine Lodge, 3-1 Kuluwand, 9-2 Coxmoor Maid, 14-1 Zabo.

4.30 SIR REGINALD LEEDS HURDLE (Handicap: £608: 3m 1f)
1 4ufpp0- Le Sive (C), L. Kennard, 9-11-7 ... E. Wright
3 002204- Croftamie, G. Balding, 7-11-5 ... —
5 00001f- Bud (CD), M. James, 8-11-0 ... R. Barry
12 03pp00- Flying Judy, G. Francis, 6-10-0 ... W. Turner 7
13 00pp0- Johnny Kenny, R. Pincombe, 6-10-0 ... Mr Reeves 5
11-8 Croftamie, 9-4 Le Sive, 100-30 Bud, 12-1 Flying Judy, 16-1 Johnny Kenny.

5.0 POWDERHAM CASTLE HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m)
1 f- Kelly's Lass, M. Salaman, 5-11-7 ... M. Salaman
2 01010-0 Dee Lane, J. Tomlinson, 5-11-3 ... A. K. Taylor 5
3 00004-0 Lazy Boy, R. Brassey, 6-11-0 ... J. T. Bourke
4 2010p2 Shark Bay, G. Kindersley, 3-10-13 ... W. Shoemark
5 00310-0 Cherry God, A. Jarvis, 4-10-9 ... P. Blacker
6 p0- Brass Farthing, R. Pincombe, 7-10-7 ... Mr Reeves 5
11-4 Kelly's Lass, 3-1 Shark Bay, 7-2 Cherry God, 11-2 Dee Lane, 7-1 Brass Farthing, 10-1 Lazy Boy.
* Doubtful runner

Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Mighty Marine. 3.0 Super Mex. 3.30 Little Ditch. 4.0 Pine Lodge. 4.30 Bud. 5.0 Shark Bay.

Warwick selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Lady Chief. 2.45 Orchy. 3.15 Acquire. 3.45 Damnation. 4.15 Singing Time. 4.45 Watch-Bear.

Pontefract results

2.45 (2.46) GAME COCK STAKES (3-y-o: £546: 1m)
Glens Boy, br g, by Sparo Nino—Cloudari (W. Sylvester), 7-9 ... P. D'Arcy (11-1) 1
Son of Ragusa, ch c, by Ragusa—Lovely Virginia (H. Swarbrick), 8-0 ... S. Freeman (5-1) 2
Supreme Lad, ch c, by Pelingo—Supreme Lady (D. Robinson), 7-10 ... D. Cooney (5-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Another Pinta (4th), 13-2 Crimson Dawn, 11-1 Habilite. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.24; places, 47p, 24p; forecasts, £4.01. G. Toft, at Beverley. 2l, 1½l.

3.15 (3.17) CUDWORTH HANDICAP (£495: 5f)
Song's First, b f, by Song—Liranda (L. Hall), 3-8-5 ... D. Barker (5-1) 1
Isomer, ch f, by Runnymede—Prime Apple (J. Wakefield), 3-8-0 ... W. Carson (4-1 fav) 2
Pikella, ch f, by Sara Dan—Never Alla (Mrs V. Mitchell), 3-5-6 ... M. Birch (15-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Miss Belvedere, 7-1 Woodside Star, 15-2 Deva Rose, 12-1 Mary Mod, 14-1 Contingent (4th), Pippin Inn, Tremaran, 16-1 Celanese, 25-1 Carnival Prince, Nina D'Oro, Aces High, Marie Mani Prom. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 67p; places, 26p, 20p, 77p. L. Hall, at Winchester. Nk, 1½l.

3.45 (3.46) WAKEFIELD HANDICAP (£1,201: 1½m)
Pal's Bambino, gr c, by Pal's Passage—Shandara (R. Muddle), 3-8-1 ... R. Muddle (2-1 fav) 1
Gurney Slade, gr c, by Hillary—Tanerd (N. Robinson), 5-8-11 ... W. Carson (7-4) 2
Sisodan, ch g, by Never Say Die—Rose Rock (Mrs I. Grieson), 8-9-1 ... E. Eldin (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Netherkelly, 10-1 Darett (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; forecast, 68p. B. Hanbury, at Newmarket. 8l, 6l.

4.15 (4.16) COLFIGS PLATE (2-y-o: £700: 6f)
Lord Helpus, ch c, by Green God—Velour (M. Standen), 9-2 ... W. Carson (4-9) 1
Venus of Stretham, b f, by Tower Walk—Sara's Star (A. Hemmings), 8-13 N. Crowther (7-4) 2
TOTE: Win, 12p. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 2½l.

4.45 (4.56) CORPORATION HANDICAP (£863: 1m)
Rustic Lad, b c, by Bold Lad—Rust (Lady B. Ness), 4-9-4 ... N. Crowther (7-2) 1
Tattle Tale, gr f, by Prince Tal—Madame Sry (R. McAlpine), 4-7-10 ... W. Carson (4-1) 2
Princely Mount, ch h, by Princely Gift—Mount Zara (C. Perks), 6-8-4 ... T. Ives (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Barsheba (4th), 7-1 II Magnifico. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; forecast, £1.05. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 1l, nk.

5.15 (5.17) ROTHERHAM STAKES (£572: 1½m)
Carnera, ch c, by Levmoss—Eja Marlia (J. Mullion), 4-8-13 ... W. Carson (10-11) 1
Lunariver, b h, by Forlorn River—Lunar Princess (W. Jones), 5-9-0 ... E. Eldin (3-1) 2
Westgate Falcon, ch g, by Falcon—Katie Deley (G. Bloor), 4-8-10 ... M. Birch (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Highland Jig. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; forecast, 56p. R. Armstrong, at Newmarket. ½l, 2l.

Results at Ayr

2.15 (2.17) GADGIRTH STAKES (2-y-o: £656: 5f)
Pall Tavi, b c, by Palmaillet—Avreo (A. Balding), 8-4 ... J. Balding (7-2 fav) 1
Cool Shola, ch f, by Lord Gayle—Calcool (R. Humphreys), 8-1 ... J. Higgins (13-2) 2
Catch Me Up, ro c, by Decoy Boy—Shall Do (J. Taylor), 8-4 ... B. Connorton (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Donnasion (4th), 6-1 Ally Macleod, 8-1 Singapore Fling, 10-1 Steel Flight, 16-1 Coatham, Brewmaster. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 13p, 26p, 19p; dual forecast, £2.47. A. Balding, at Bawtry. Nk, ½l. 1min 01.51sec.

2.45 (2.47) UNDERWOOD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £648: 5f)
Mabruk, b c, by Manacle—Polibede (P. Edwards), 8-13 ... A. Barclay (4-7) 1
El Argentino, b c, by Melodic Air—Convilly Beauty (Mrs M. Darton), 7-3 N. McIntosh (20-1) 2
Hurry on Hostess, gr f, by St Alphage—Nice Hostess (G. Freyne), 8-10 ... O. Gray (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Future Forest (4th), 8-1 Fairy Caravan, 12-1 Butterfly Boy, 16-1 Shy Meld, The Dansian. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 40p, 17p; dual forecast, £3.23. S. Hall, at Middleham. 4l, ½l. 1min 00.80sec.

3.15 (3.16) CORRAITH HANDICAP (£644: 6f)
Chantro, b h, by Sing Sing—Tropical Kit (W. Cockburn), 5-9-6 ... K. Milner (13-2) 1
Red Dawn, ch h, by Red God—African Dawn (Mrs V. Rankin), 5-8-2 ... J. Higgins (8-1) 2
Relative Ease, ch f, by Great Nephew—Gilder (T. Mansford), 4-9-2 ... J. Seagrave (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Kernel Rose, 100-30 Burriana, 8-1 Super Saphire, 10-1 Wee Sovereign (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 96p; places, 58p, 49p; dual forecast, £4.21. J. W. Watts, at Richmond. ½l, ½l. 1m 13.77sec.

3.45 (3.47) CARBIESTON STAKES (2-y-o: £628: 7f)
Queluz, ch c, by Royal Palace—Pampas Flower (Lord H. de Walden), 9-0 ... G. Cadwaladr (11-2) 1
Level Par, b c, by Hallez—Aberdonia (N. Angus), 9-0 ... J. Seagrave (9-1) 2
Secular, b f, by Firestreak—Stars Above (M. Wyatt), 8-11 ... G. Duffield (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Alpha Elk, 5-1 Backbut, 12-1 Wesleyan (4th), 14-1 Running Deep, 16-1 Galgoner Glengoyne, Ochil Hills Star, 33-1 Chantinghall, Doon Lad. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 19p, 29p, 38p. E. Weymes, at Middleham. 1l, 3l. 1min 29.39sec.

4.15 (4.16) ENTERKINE HANDICAP (£816: 1½m)
Willie Ormond, b c, by Blakeney—Kerkithalls (J. Banks), 3-7-13 ... J. Reid (4-1) 1
Lochranza, b g, by Highland Melody—Esrail (H. Michael), 4-8-13 ... P. Harman (5-1) 2
Halsall, b c, by Holfoot—Jeanne d'Ex (Mrs W. Barrett), 3-8-1 ... N. McIntosh (5-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Pinchow, 5-1 Baggin Time (4th), 11-2 Ardgowan Brownie, 11-1 Colgnafearn. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 36p, 33p; dual forecast, 94p. N. Angus, at Ayr. 3l, 1½l. 2min 09.50sec.

4.45 (4.47) DALMORE STAKES (3-y-o: £505: 1m 3f)
Royal Russet, gr f, by Roan Rocket—Meadow Princess (Lord Harrington), 8-11 A. Kimberley (2-5) 1
Little Wild Duck, ch f, by Great Heron—Ilsebill (Princess Oettingen-Spielberg), 8-8 ... S. Salmon (3-1) 2
Aline Margaret, b f, by Castrama—Lady Forlorn (G. Crabbie), 8-11 ... N. McIntosh (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Meldrum Wraig. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p; forecast, 16p. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 1½l, 10l. 2min 30.84sec.

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2.30: 1, Cwrt Bleddyn (4-1); 2, Burrator (5-2); 3, Blue Goblin (10-11). 4 ran.

3.0: 1, Ocean Rock (5-1); 2, David's City (3-1); 3, Happy God (8-1). 12 ran. O'Burro, 7-4 fav.

3.30: 1, Hemon (14-1); 2, Dark Sky (15-2); 3, Banyan (20-1). 16 ran. Queen's Folly, Golden Lichen, 7-2 jt favs. Mohawk Councillor, Miss Overton did not run.

4.0: Harsh Note (1-3); 2, Alvergo (30-1); 3, Blue River Wonder (11-2). 5 ran.

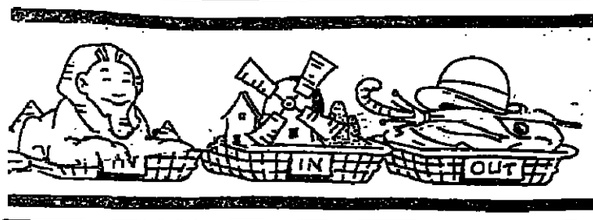
4.30: 1, Thomas Edward (11-4); 2, Hogan Hills (evens, fav); 3, Corrib Road (9-2). 4 ran.

5.0: Prescott (10-1); 2, Tessing Wind (4-1); 3, Pemba (4-1). 12 ran. Spectateur, 5-2 fav.

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Needless to say it was the Lonrho affair — remember Mr Heath's "unacceptable face of capitalism"? — which triggered off the changes in the taxation of overseas earnings. In the past employees working abroad were taxed only on the remittance basis. (In other words, they only paid United Kingdom income tax on the amount they chose to send home whether to Mum or not.)

If income was not sent to this country, and if payment of overseas earnings was arranged through a convenient (or even inconvenient) tax haven such as the Cayman Islands, and if an employer paid an excessively generous rate for a short period of overseas work, then one was well on the way to building up a substantial, tax free nest egg.

All that has now changed. And the overseas job, irrespective of tax concessions, must now stand on its own merit—as it probably did for countless men and women in the past. Before discussing the new tax rules there is the tricky business of residence and domicile to be sorted out. It is, in fact, a complicated subject and has much bearing on the individual's liability to tax.

However, for the purposes of this article, I am assuming that people applying for overseas jobs are domiciled in the United Kingdom. Domicile, broadly speaking, is the country you regard as your natural home and is frequently a domicile of origin, ie, where you were born. Residence is more variable. And in this context, if you work abroad for an entire tax year in one continuous period, you may be treated as non-resident for the intervening tax year. Short working trips abroad as a function of a United Kingdom-based job will usually mean retaining resident status.

Let us take the non-resident employee first for his case is simple. Provided an entire tax year is included in his overseas employment, irrespective of whether or not he has a United Kingdom home, then the income (at least for the complete tax year spent abroad) will not be taxable in the United Kingdom. Do not forget, however, the local taxes.

For the person who is resident and domiciled here it is irrelevant whether his foreign earnings are remitted to this country or left abroad. He will be liable to United Kingdom taxes on the lot—except for deductions which are allowable in certain cases. These deductions depend upon the length of time during which the taxpayer is absent from these shores.

If the employee is out of the United Kingdom for a continuous period of 365 days or more he will be entitled to a 100 per cent deduction. In other words, he will be treated as a non-resident, and none of his overseas earnings, whether remitted or not, will be taxable here.

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Where foreign earnings are taxed abroad the individual gets what is known as double taxation relief. The foreign tax that he pays is allowed as a credit against United Kingdom tax. Where there is no double tax convention between this country and another one, then what is called unilateral relief may be available. Either overseas tax is set off against United Kingdom tax liability or the overseas tax is deducted in computing the overseas income taxable in this country. So, if you are working in a country of high income tax (a fact of life not unique to the United Kingdom) then there could be little United Kingdom tax to pay.

Finally, if you make a lifetime career working abroad, what about the taxation of pensions arising from overseas? The rules for these were changed in April, 1974 too. Pensions are taxed as income and as with overseas earnings, the remittance basis has been abolished. So whether or not your pension is sent to the United Kingdom, if you are domiciled and resident here then all that pension will be liable to tax—with the special exemption of 10 per cent of it.

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No. 002364 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE (Chancery Division) Companies Court. In the Matter of International Bulk Carriers S.A. and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named company by the High Court of Justice, Strand, W.C.2 was on the 10th day of July 1975 presented to the said Court by I S Sira of Filipstadv. 1B, Oslo 2. And that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, W.C.2, on the 6th day of October 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than one o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th of October, 1975.

No. 001609 of 1975.
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division. Re: CONSOLIDATED TIN SMELTERS Limited and Re: The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 21st day of July, 1975 (inter alia) CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £6,128,783 to £794,465 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital as altered the several Particulars required by the above-named Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 25th day of July, 1975.
Dated the 1th day of August, 1975.
LINKLATERS & PAINES,
Solicitors to the Company.

No. 001608 of 1975.
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Re: AMALGAMATED METAL CORPORATION Limited and Re: The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 21st day of July, 1975 (inter alia) CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £6,675,000 to £5,550,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital as altered the several Particulars required by the above-named Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 25th day of July, 1975.
Dated the 4th day of August, 1975.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of ARMVENT Limited. Nature of Business: Property management.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE, 11th July, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 20th August, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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No. 005178 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court Mr Registrar Dearbergh Friday the 11th day of April 1975 In the Matter of WEMHILL BUILDERS Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
UPON THE APPLICATION by SUMMONS dated the 7th April 1975 of the Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator of the above named Company
AND UPON HEARING the Applicant in person
AND UPON READING the Order to wind up the said Company dated the 30th January 1975 the two Reports of the Assistant Official Receiver as to the results of the Meetings of Creditors and Contributories of the said Company made to the Court and both filed the 7th April 1975 and the Affidavit of Douglas Hazard Harris (as to the fitness of the Liquidator hereinafter appointed) filed the 8th April 1975.
IT IS ORDERED that ALAN SIDNEY RIDLER of Lee House London Wall London EC2 Chartered Accountant be and he is hereby APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above named Company
AND IT IS ORDERED that the following persons be and they are hereby APPOINTED a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION to act with the Liquidator of the above named Company namely:—
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respectively Creditors of the said Company
AND IT IS ORDERED that the said Liquidator do within 7 days from the date of this Order give security to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State for Trade as provided by the Companies (Winding-up) Rules 1949
MAURICE BERKELEY
Deputy Registrar
(LS)

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of COMMERCIAL DEALINGS (PF) Limited Nature of Business: Importers of clothing manufacturing machinery
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 21st July 1975
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CREDITORS 20th August 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock
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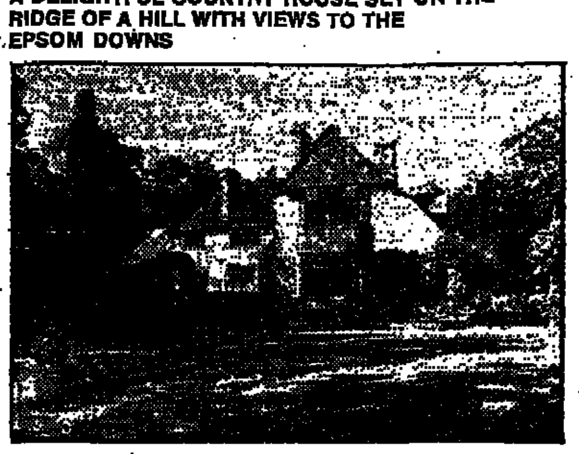
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Faversham, winning the battle of the bulldozers

The Faversham Society in Kent has a very different flavour from the Calder Civic Trust, the local amenity society I discussed in my previous article. Faversham may have been down at heel, and was certainly threatened by demolitions and ruinous redevelopment, but few people would have called it (as they did the Hebden Bridge area) a derelict shell of the industrial revolution.

Faversham, just off the A2 between the Medway towns and Canterbury, had avoided the worst inter-war development. It had a sense of history and many attractive streets and buildings, yet its boatyards and two breweries ensured that it also stayed a workaday place, not a pretty-pretty commuter dormitory.

"We worked here in a pretty favourable climate", recalls Mr Arthur Percival, one of the society's founders and until recently its secretary. "First, there was the quality of the town and its buildings; but also the nature of the people, inward-looking, independent and suspicious of anything that looked like interference from outside."

By the time the society was founded in October, 1962, Faversham had *in one important* respect already turned the conservation corner. Five years previously Arden's House, home of Faversham's famous murdered mayor and the finest half-timbered house in decaying sixteenth-century Abbey Street, went on the market at £900, and found no takers.

A news story in *The Daily Telegraph* altered that. The buyer brought in the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and their consultant architect, Mr David Nye, urged Faversham council, instead of demolishing the street, to restore it.

A new town clerk, Mr F. G. Bishop, persuaded the council to buy houses in danger and sell them at minimal profit to *buyers who would undertake to* restore them. Later central and local government combined to offer grants in one of the first town schemes, matching the owners' spending on approved repairs; and Abbey Street became one of the first instances of narrowing the roadway instead of widening it as a response to a problem of lorry traffic.

The society came into being partly because the town clerk, and one or two people like Mr Percival, thought the new policies needed encouragement from a pressure group: partly because the one piece of 1950s redevelopment, a supermarket and shops, failed dismally to fit in with the townscape about it or visually replace the two good buildings demolished. If that was redevelopment, Mr Percival and his friends were determined it should not recur.

Many amenity societies, perhaps the majority, have been created in direct response to a threat: their founding is a call to battle against a plan, a road, an airport or the arrival of the bulldozers. In Faversham's case there was no immediate threat, though plenty of disquiet. There was, however, no lack of battles to come.

One concerned the town map. The society argued that good planning and conservation in their town required a policy framework. They persuaded Kent County Council to draw up a town map; and at that *time Faversham was one of the* smallest towns for which this exercise had been undertaken. But any feelings of triumph were soured when the county's draft town map appeared, for it carved a destructive new road through the historic town centre, which would force traffic along residential streets and threatened to generate extra traffic rather than divert what existed.

So the society fought it. Detecting that the county's traffic figures rested on inadequate data, they did their own traffic survey, with 80 volunteers covering every entrance and exit to the town from 6 am to 6 pm one June Saturday, and ingeniously using number plate indexes to deduce vehicle *origins*.

It was not perfect, but it was better than anything the county had. Moreover the presence in the membership of an architect and an architect planner enabled the society to give as good as it got at the public inquiry.

In February, 1974, the Minister rejected two crucial and damaging sections of the proposed road system and invited the county to consider the alternatives that the Faversham Society and other objectors had put forward at the inquiry. Mr David had, if not slain Goliath, then at least stopped him in his tracks. The county took the *hint*, and has since carried out a full traffic survey, renting the Fleur de Lys, a sixteenth century inn which the society had bought to restore, as its base.

In many other battles, the society first alerted, then encouraged and finally supported the local authority at public inquiries. Mr Arthur Percival considers its defence of the wild open area between the town and the River Swale against caravan parks and other destructive proposals as among its most worthwhile achievements.

Some battles were lost, like the one to save the Georgian St Ann's House and use it as a community centre for the new housing estate rising about it. The house was demolished. Other battles have been long in *winning: pedestrianization of* streets in the town centre, which the society first urged in 1966, has only this year been successful. Other struggles ended only in partial success: the fine sixteenth century barn at Davington Court could be saved only by finding a purchaser prepared to reerect near Edenbridge.

Two of the society's biggest successes with historic buildings have been on a do-it-yourself basis. It saved the eighteenth century Chart Gunpowder Mill, in which the raw ingredients of gunpowder were blended by huge water-powered wheels before being shipped away by canal (horses wearing "socks" to prevent sparks) by convincing the owner that its members *would work, beg and cajole to* restore it themselves. Now it will soon be open to the public, in full working order.

The Fleur de Lys is the other big practical triumph—though not yet complete nor with all the needed £40,000 raised. This inn and its outbuildings, a grade II listed building no longer needed by the brewery, was bought by the society in 1971 with council support. It will provide, when completely rehabilitated, not only offices for the society, but a "Heritage Centre" to tell people about the town's architecture and history, a small museum and a meeting hall for 80 people.

With its fund-raising Gun powder Fetes and didactic motto, "Cherish the past, adorn the present, and create for the future", the Faversham Society is not a clique of middle-class cranks, but a powerful political force in and for its community.

But what is going to happen to the amenity society movement, the great environment bandwaggon, in the second half-decade of the 1970s?

Both national and local amenity bodies face increasing financial strain in trying to question public proposals at inquiries. When York 2000 or the Faversham Society prevents an ill-conceived scheme costing perhaps millions of pounds, they face opponents who can brief the best counsel and commission the most expensive studies at their, the ratepayers' and taxpayers' expense.

Mr George Dobry, QC, in his report to Mr Crosland on development control, urged not only extra aid for key national and regional amenity bodies, but planning aid and advice analogous to legal aid and advice.

It may be asked: Can we in an age of urgent retrenchment afford that luxury? A compelling answer is that successful opposition to misguided development generally saves the community both money and resources. So are we not being extravagant in denying our voluntary watchdogs at least their token biscuit?

Concluded

Tony Aldous

Ronald Butt is on holiday.

India or Indira: the question that is asked as democracy takes another beating

This week the Indian Parliament amended the country's election law wiping out retrospectively the offence upon which Mrs Indira Ghandhi was convicted in June. A special Correspondent in Bombay reviews the situation.

Bernard Shaw's endorsement of Mussolini—however backhanded—because he made the Italian trains run on time, has been finding an echo in western liberal circles caught in a conflict between shock at what has been happening in India and realization that democracy had been rendered nearly unworkable in that country long before the present crisis burst on it. But lest it should end up in a permanent distortion of history—as happened in Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia—and the Indian Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, should get the benefit of the doubt before the bar of world opinion, it is necessary to recapitulate some of the symptoms of and reasons for the crisis of democracy in India.

For instance, India has surpassed China in the generation of electricity which has doubled since independence—as against a 50 per cent rise reported from the People's Republic some time ago. But power supply in India has become perennially short for factories, farms and homes and sultry summer days in Delhi are marked by recurring spells of fanlessness. A probe by the dynamic minister of irrigation and power, Mr Krishna Chand Pant, revealed massive and organized stealing of electricity by rich farmers and other free users who bribed the employees of different electricity boards to give them unauthorized and unmetered power connections.

But the minister could not remedy the situation because the unauthorized consumers had high political connexions while the corrupt technicians and their accomplices belonged to trade unions run by the ruling Congress Party or its ally, *the Moscow-oriented Com*munist Party.

About eight months ago, the then minister in charge of revenue, Mr Kosalram Ganesh, had shocked the country with a detailed public statement about the incidence of smuggling and tax evasion and his inability to deal with the problem because of the nexus between the offenders and powerful politicians. Following an uproar in Parliament and much angry editorializing in the press, the government launched a drive against smugglers—by arresting several alleged offenders and raiding their premises—but, most significantly, Mr Ganesh was simultaneously transferred from the department of revenue. And everything ended happily when the courts found legal lacuna in the Maintenance of Internal Security Act under which the arrests had been made and most of the alleged smugglers had to be set free. The courts are, no doubt, rendered powerless now, but one does not know if political connexions also have ceased to be operative.

At a lower level, on August 9 last year the Prime Minister had addressed a "youth rally" in New Delhi for which trainloads of participants had come from different parts of the country. Among them, the Bombay contingent of about 200 young men and some women had got itself involved in a messy situation when irate railwaymen and owners of food and drink stalls at a wayside station settled scores with the "youths". Questions in Parliament and reports in the press subsequently revealed that they had travelled by train without tickets and had demanded food and drinks from the stalls without payment.

The victims who had to put up with such tactics on the first occasion of the youths' Delhibound journey had laid in wait for them on the return trip and, with the help of railwaymen *who were similarly disposed* towards the young men and their companions, took the law into their own hands. There was not a word of disapproval of the "youths'" behaviour by the Prime Minister, though they were participants in a rally addressed by her, and further public discussion of the incident ended when a judicial inquiry was instituted.

One does not know at what stage the investigation is now and whether its report can be published in view of the "emergency".

On top of the situation of which the foregoing are a few symptoms are the populist political tactics in which the Prime Minister has been specializing. They first saw the light of day in 1959 when a duly elected communist government in the State of Kerala was removed from office following an extra-constitutional agitation in which the Congress Party, of which the present Prime Minister was then president, took a leading part. (Among others, the late Mr V. K. Krishna Menon had protested to Mr Nehru against it.) But it was dismissed as an aberration when Mr Nehru intervened to bring to bear his liberal personality and the present Prime Minister withdrew from active politics. The trend of even Marxists taking part in parliamentary politics was consequently maintained.

More recently, during the 1969 presidential election, the Prime Minister decided to have her own nominee for the post after having formally acquiesced in her party's choice of a different candidate for the office of the head of state. So at the political level, the then Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Morarji Desai, was eased out, a set of "stray thoughts" on economic and social reform was announced and a cold war unleashed on the party president and his associates. Simultaneously, at the practical level, money obtained by all kinds of means—in India, it is called black money—was used to influence members of the electoral college for the presidential election. The organized corruption of legislators which it represented was a mortal blow to India's political system.

The phenomenon of stage-managed demonstrations of public support for the Prime Minister—which she would address to proclaim her love of the common people and her dedication to communism!—come into vogue then. Ultimately, the Prime Minister had her way, with the election of her candidate as President and the control of the ruling party passing into her hands. But her success was largely a result of the fact that the people, mainly the middle classes, preferred her to her conservative rivals in the party and also because there was widespread expectation that she would improve th the average Indian.

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Mrs Gandhi among her people: a stage-managed demonstration of public support?

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For America, a shock to the system

The American press has been celebrating Mr Ford's first anniversary as President this week. He assumed that office on Friday, August 9, 1974, at midday. Mr Nixon had announced his resignation on television on the previous evening.

The newspapers are more interested in this year than the last. It is a forward-looking and constructive approach. Two and a half years of Watergate are enough, perhaps, and the deposed President, an exile in San Clemente, is not receiving much attention these days.

The usual conclusion is that Mr Ford has grown into his job, that he has been surprisingly successful and that America is lucky to have a President who dislikes the imperial presidency of his predecessors. The other side of the coin is that he will only win re-election if everything now goes right, if there are no unfortunate foreign crises, if unemployment drops, inflation declines and his very serious dispute with Congress can be resolved. Otherwise, the Democrats will walk away with the 'Presidency and the nice guy' as usual, will finish last.

Mr Nixon is neglected, but not forgotten. A fresh spate of books on Watergate will burst forth in the autumn, to follow the dozen or so which have already appeared. Some will be unreadable (John Dean), some enthralling (Woodward and Berstein) but it does not seem very likely that they will change many opinions or bring forth much novelty.

One of the questions all these volumes grapple with is why it all happened, why was the Nixon administration so corrupt? Historians, when their turn comes, may be less interested. The banality of evil is by now a cliché.

A more important question, which most authors and reporters have avoided so far is whether, in fact, Watergate proved "that the system worked". It is evident that a system which elected such a pair as Nixon and Agnew is far from perfect and its apologists have so far failed to sustain the case that it redeemed itself by getting rid of them.

At the very least, it is an unsatisfactory way of changing governments.

Mr Ford's honesty and unpretentiousness is no guarantee that his successors will be equally modest. Nixon was thought ridiculous when he put the White House guard into fancy uniform, but it was thought normal that President Kennedy should be preceded down the ceremonial staircase on state occasions by standard-bearers carrying flags, to the accompaniment of a trumpet fanfare. The absurd and imperial title "first lady" was not invented for Mrs Nixon.

The system, which may or may not have worked last year, is said to be based on checks and balances. The judicial, executive and legislative branches of government preserve their independence against one another and the republic is thus preserved.

But since the Vietnam disaster closed on President Johnson, Congress and President have been in a state of perpetual deadlock.

Mr Nixon was constantly thwarted in his legislative programmes—as was Kennedy before him and as Mr Ford is now. The only time recently that "checks and balances" have not produced stalemate were those years when Lyndon Johnson was leader of the Senate and cooperated with President Eisenhower, and during the first three years or so of his own administration.

The House of Representatives has an enormous Democratic majority. The Speaker is from Oklahoma, and supports the oil lobby and the majority is from Massachusetts and opposes it. They and Mr Ford are all equally obstinate, and so there is no energy policy.

The House and the Senate are full of people who want to be President, or at least to be thought *pumhile*, but have their contribution to foreign policy on dislike of Dr Kissinger or the strength of minority lobbies in their constituencies.

Mr Nixon and Dr Kissinger had a point when they said that domestic dissension was hindering American foreign interests and from Vietnam to Watergate the dissension between Capitol and White House has become institutionalized. It is a system, but it barely works.

Mr Ford is no more the man to make it work than was Mr Nixon, though for different reasons. There is scarcely a sign among the dozen or so men who are after his job that any of them might do better. True, the British Government is even more disastrously impotent but at least the British are no longer smug about it. The lesson of Washington is how badly America functions, and Watergate is not proof of the contrary.

It is a thesis which is gaining ground in the year of the bicentennial, but the only positive step taken recently is a decision by Congressmen and Senators to increase the size of their staff.

Patrick Brogan

China prefers to bury her pas

Peking

Despite the cordial political relations that have been established between China and most Western countries, misunderstandings continue to prevent ties in cultural spheres.

A visiting choir was forbidden to sing certain well-known Negro spirituals during its performances in China, because the Chinese authorities considered that they had a "Zionist" content.

Such a petty business can be laughed off. But it conceals a much more fundamental disagreement about the nature and role of culture, and this is certain to go on interfering with harmonious relations between China and the west.

The fracas over Michelangelo Antonioni's documentary film about China last year is an example of the way in which misconceived cultural links can *exacerbate an otherwise work*able relationship.

Since the west has so often been blamed for failing to try hard enough to understand China, one should see also the other side of the coin. There are English-language interpreters being trained in China now who have never been encouraged to read a single book by a modern English or American author, except for Edgar Snow's *Red Star Over China*. In such a case, language training is only a sterile exercise, which will contribute barely anything to understanding.

With patience, Europeans and Chinese can at least learn to respect each other's peculiarities. What is more distressing to those who admire China's traditional culture, is the extent to which it is decried and rejected in China today.

For a European, whose continent owned the art of porcelain-making from China, it seems almost insulting to be taken round a Chinese pottery with a history of nearly 600 years, and to be told in all seriousness that it produced nothin of any great interest before 1949. The more so when the modern product appears to be in the worst possible taste.

At national level, senior officials can rationalize the present day approach to cultural questions, and even show a qualified admiration for the art of the past. But in the country at large, the violent iconoclasm of the Cultural Revolution seems to have left behind it a kind of stubborn philistinism, which prefers garishness and mass production to fine design. Apart from the professional archaeologists, lovers of the past pursue their subjects largely in isolation, and in danger of being considered politically deviant.

A local guide, asked about the history of some striking pagoda, may dismiss it with a shrug as an object of obsolete "superstitions". One can score a point by observing that it is also an example of "the wisdom and skill of the Chinese working people"—but one is not in China to score points.

Since a large proportion of foreigners who have an informed interest in China were first attracted to her by her old culture, they are often bewildered and indignant to see the low esteem in which so much of it is now officialy held. At the same time, the arguments which the Communist Party puts forward in favour of its own kind of modernism are by no means silly, considering the pressing demands of economic development.

The dreamers, schemers, missionaries and adventurers who have formed Europe of China would be shocked to see the of her old cultu interests of a non agriculture and in then they did no undergo poverty or because of the old so and in that sense th would be unwanted.

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The answer should little understanding than none at all, an curiosity which may do feel about the w be encouraged ra ignored.

David

The Times Diary

Why they are seething at El Vino's

P. H. Simplegessverk, the columnist who opens every door, writes:

Gossip writers are up in arms about what they see as unwarranted intrusion into their methods of operating by *Hard Times*, the po-faced and high-minded daily newspaper of the Establishment. The row concerns a report on the newspaper's front page which purported to describe how a reporter from the *Daily Extremis* gossip column breached the privacy of a well-known personality in the South of France. El Vino's, noted haunt of gossip writers, has been seething ever since the story appeared.

Nigel Distemper, crusading editor of the Diary page ("the page of defamation") in the *Daily Mould*, said: "We are professionals doing a professional job of work. I hate pomp and pretension and I think that if people set themselves up as members of the aristocracy or public figures they must expect their private lives to be exposed mercilessly. We have a right to expect that our methods of exposure should be safe from the prying eyes of interfering newspapers who are jealous because they don't have decent gossip columns of their own."

Alastair MacBurns, kilted editor of the *Daily Extremis*, wrote to *Hard Times* saying: "I am afraid your mild-mannered reporter has his facts wrong when reporting the activities of Brian Prune, my deputy assistant managing editor (gossip).

"Prune has spent several months at Cannes researching a story about North Sea oil. Unfortunately he has been indisposed for a few days, suffering from a crushed foot, injured when inadvertently caught in a door.

"It is true that he sent a sealed note to the villa of the personality in question. This read, on one side: 'I promise to pay the bearer on demand the sum of £50,000', and on the other: 'Lots more where this came from, sweetie. Trust no one but me.'

"In any case, don't I recall that in 1972 you printed the wrong lighting-up time for Glasgow on two successive days? Look to the beam in your own moat, Mac."

Harmony

His Master's Voice will be issuing exclusively Russian classical sounds this month. It is EMI's way of celebrating 21 years' collaboration with the USSR's state recording organization, Melodiya. All August's 15 new issues will be Russian recordings, headed by a boxed set of Shostakovitch's symphonies.

The party to launch this glut on Tuesday evening was full of flowery tributes to international harmony and musical accord, with inevitable references to the Helsinki conference and the Apollo-Soyuz adventures.

Because of the latter, EMI chose three British recordings with titles referring to outer space to present to the Soviet ambassador, Nikolai Lunkov. He responded with a suitably heavy joke about Helsinki.

Lunkov may prefer the British records (they included Paul Macartney's new album, *Venus and Mars*) to the Russian recordings which he also received, because his own taste is for light and popular music.

"Shostakovich is one of the greatest composers of our time", he said piously. "but he is too serious for me and I do not have time for whole symphonies. I tell you what I like, which is not at all bad, and that is the Lulu musical television shows."

The musical preferences of Igor Preferansky, the Soviet negotiator who handles Russia's recording deals with Britain, turned out to be similarly unpatriotic. "I like jazz and pop", he said, "particularly Cliff Richard, the Beatles, Shirley Bassey, Engelbert Humperdinck and Tom Jones".

John Colvin, who was our ambassador in Mongolia until last year, confirmed that Tom Jones is popular in areas of Soviet influence. "Our local embassy staff sang all day, strange but familiar stuff. We eventually discovered that it was all Tom Jones's songs".

Situation still deteriorating. The Thames Television announcer on Monday night enticed viewers with a preview of a cowboy serial in which "the cavalry have to be called in to deal with a rustling situation". And Eric Heffer spoke on the radio yesterday about "a disaster situation". Too true.

Corrosive

My recent item on the collapse of lamp-posts caused by urinating dogs has prompted a wartime memory from John French of Felixstowe. He has sent me copies of two daily orders posted at the flying training school at RAF South Cerney, Gloucestershire, in 1941.

Under the heading: "Corrosion of magnesium alloy aircraft landing wheels—promiscuous urination", the first order drew attention to the corrosion of main undercarriage wheels where "analysis of the corroded portion has revealed a high proportion of urea". It went on: "Apart from being contrary to hygiene, this is a dangerous practice and likely to lead to fatal accidents." Steps must be taken to end it.

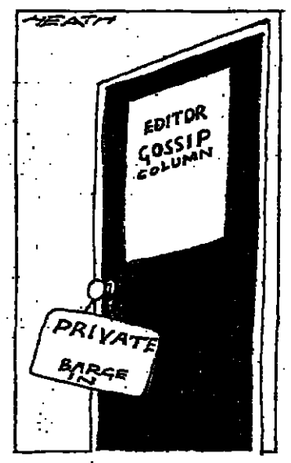
A few weeks later, under the same heading, a second order appeared. This admitted the possibility that the offenders might be not airmen but dogs. It reiterated rules about the keeping and control of dogs and ended: "The most likely source of trouble is from stray dogs, particularly at Relief Landing Grounds, and personnel are instructed to be particularly vigilant in this direction." No apology to the maligned airmen, but then it was wartime.

Cool

An exhibition about eskimos sounded like the ideal refuge from London's heat. My reporter went to the Canadian High Commission in Trafalgar Square, but was disappointed to find neither an igloo to crawl into nor an eskimo to talk about cold topics.

Although mounted by the Canadians, "Circumpolar Community" displays the life of all polar dwellers around the North Pole, including those in Scandinavia, Alaska, Greenland and the USSR. It contains an illuminated half-dome of the Arctic region, some colour photographs, a short film and a few scattered examples of eskimo art; not a dogsled or plate of walrus stew in sight.

The High Commission spokesman explained that Canada was anxious to remind the world of her territorial claims to a large sector of the Arctic, and to preserve its extremely delicate ecology. Canadians have not forgotten the occasion several years ago when the Americans sent a large oil tanker on a trial run from the Alaskan fields to the Atlantic through the Canadian Arctic.



Some Canadians are also embarrassed at the way modern American civilization has engulfed the eskimo. Pierre-Andre Bissonnette, the Acting High Commissioner, said that eskimos in Canada now only go walrus hunting for sport, after finishing their day's work as a Government clerk or telephone linesman. And that only if they are not propping up the bar sinking ice-cold Budweisers, or down at the cinema watching *Blazing Saddles*.

Which may explain why the eskimos were all too busy to come to England for the exhibition's opening. Or perhaps it was because, as they would say themselves, *Paka Dlnurctoc Landinni*—it's far too hot in SW1.

Second-class citizens at the National Eisteddfod of Wales in Criccieth. A photographer offering a while-you-wait service has notices in English and Welsh. The Welsh one says, "Your picture in two seconds". The English one says: "Your picture in two minutes".

Sports news

And there came a man of great height, from a land close to that in which life first began, and he said to the English hosts: "Arise and follow me. Give up your loyalty to the captain from the far north, where they know little of the game of bat and ball."

Since the captain north had led them after defeat at the ha ancient enemy, th hosts followed the tal And lo! Where befor been mightily afrait ancient enemies, a missiles they projecte speed, now, after a sl they were not afraid

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So delighted were their new-found hero ripped off their vestr danced before him i Others sank tube afte ice-cold Fosters. "Beh cried, "the sun sh hosts perform migh everything is wonderf The match was drawn

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REFORM BEFORE REPRESENTATION

he Government is to be con-ratulated on the decision to set p an independent Committee of nquiry into the development of ndustrial democracy. It is, how-ver, a great pity that the Gov-nment decided to separate the udy of industrial democracy in e nationalized industries from e inquiry into industrial demo-racy in private industry. There no justification for this separa-on and it would obviously be uire unacceptable if radically ifferent arrangements were ade for dealing with public and rivate industry. The need for ndustrial democracy is probably reater in public than in private ndustry, for it is state industry hich suffers most from swollen d remote bureaucracy.

There is a double case for dustrial democracy. It is appa-nt that Britain has suffered om very poor industrial rela-ons caused partly by the failure industrial management to tain the full loyalty of their mployees. Far too many people ork for businesses which they o not really feel that they long to. Loyalty to trade unions often very much stronger than yalty to employers and there sometimes no concern at all the employers' interest, that to say, for the interest of the siness as a whole.

In Britain trade unions have tablished positions of great wer, but that power has mained largely negative. The ions can and do exert their wer in order to maximize the are of industrial earnings which mes to their members. They do see it as being their business use their power to improve e profitability of enterprises, en though their members' jobs pend ultimately on that profit-ility. The purpose of industrial mocracy is to reintegrate the rkers in a business and to put trade unions on the side of iciency and profitability rather in opposition to efficiency d profitability.

There is not necessarily one ht form of industrial democ-y: different industries, and ferent sizes of industry will uire different arrangements. ere must be a real shift in wer, but it should be achieved dually and experimentally, her than suddenly. We cannot ord to introduce industrial nocracy and have it fail.

One must, however, have com-te sympathy with the object-e. It is right at this point to in a disclaimer for the news-per industry. If the form of dustrial democracy that is chosen gives a single trade union or group of trade unions strong representation in the direction of all newspapers, then there is obviously a danger that a trade union monopoly of opinion will be created and that the freedom of the press to deal freely with trade union and political matters will be destroyed. This is a potential threat to freedom of speech which needs to be guarded against from the beginning, not just for the sake of the news-papers themselves but for the sake of their readers and of the freedom of our political society.

The difficulties, however, are much wider than that. The first difficulty is that the British trade unions, powerful as they are, are not ready to take on a massive increase in their res-ponsibility. They do not have the trained and experienced manpower fully to handle their own existing responsibilities at the present time, and they certainly do not have the trained and experienced manpower to take on the exacting tasks of joining in or supervising the management of all of our industry.

The unions have also refused to take any progressive steps to reform their own structures. There are far too many unions; their rules are often inadequate or unsatisfactory; they are not sufficiently democratic; in many unions there is no adequate provision for challenging estab-lished officials; some key unions have been penetrated by com-munists and other militants who are hostile to our democratic system and our vital liberties. Attempts by both Labour and Conservative governments to reform the trade unions have been successfully resisted.

It is desirable that the trade unions should be brought into the management of business, but it is not desirable that they should be given great new powers in their present unsatis-factory state. In particular the unions must accept postal ballots as a necessary democratic pro-cedure. "No representation with-out reform" is a slogan that one might adopt with reluctance, but it is a slogan which has to be accepted. We are not prepared to see a crowd of half-baked half-communist agitators, elected to union offices by the manipula-tion of meetings attended by tiny minorities, projected into the boardrooms of British industry. After all, the decisions taken in those boardrooms will determine the very doubtful ability of Britain to survive as an indus-trial power, without which we all go hungry.

This is the nub of the matter. If the trade unions and the workers' representatives join boards in order to strengthen the competitiveness of our industry, then that will be in every way an advantage. But if, as could now be the case, too high a propor-tion of the people who are brought in are either totally ignorant of the problems of higher management, or are actually hostile to the success of British business, then we should be imposing a new handicap on what is already a weak industry.

One test of this will be the attitude of managers themselves. British managers have a discour-aging time; industrial manage-ment in Britain is not particu-larly well paid by comparison with professional or Civil Service careers in Britain, certainly not well enough paid to compensate for the strains and risks of a manager's life. It is particularly badly paid by comparison with the management of industry in other countries with whom we compete. British industry on the whole fails to attract a suffi-ciently high proportion of our most active and intelligent graduates; and even the most efficient British industries carry a load of managers who are the best available rather than being really adequate to their tasks.

If industrial democracy proves to be just another problem for management and a particularly difficult one, then it will fail. And it will fail be-cause the good managers will refuse to work it. A good manager is, after all, employ-able in most countries in the world. He will accept handicaps to work in his own country, but he will not continue to work in his own national industry if he thinks there is no chance of making his work a success.

If, on the other hand, the trade union movement is prepared to recognize that they will have to transform them-selves, and if industrial demo-cracy offers a prospect of British industry working together rather than half of British industry being crippled by hostility between management and em-ployees, then it could make a great contribution to solving our national problems. The Com-mittee of Inquiry will need to be very tough-minded. This is a proposal which could at the best help to save the country. It is also, however, a proposal which at the worst could be the final ruin of all of us.

AYING FOR THE POSTS

e Post Office provides a classic ample of the corrosive effects inflation. In the past three rs its losses have grown in ost geometric progression til they now stand at more n £396m. Even with the in-ased revenues flowing from tariff increases introduced in spring, it is estimated that ses by the end of the present r, if no further action were en, would be about £290m.

Such losses are intolerable. cy are a direct consequence of underpricing of the postal l telecommunications services r the past four years, largely he behest of governments who e used the Post Office, and state-owned industries, as liatives for the symptoms of lation. It was thought more eptable to let the Post Office even deeper into the White-l purse than to make the blic pay the full market price the services it demands.

That policy is now at an end. e Treasury bran tub is, to all ents and purposes, empty, so as the Post Office and most er state industries are cerned.

To Sir William Ryland, the st Office chairman, the impli-ions of the new policy for his poration are clear: the public st pay an economic price when osts a letter or makes a tele-one call. With regret but deter-nation he is calling for the reases which would put first-ss mail up to 8½p, second class 6½p, and would raise the mini-m cost of a dialled call to 3p nit.

Not surprisingly, his proposals e caused an outcry. The man-in-the-street, who identifies more closely with the Post Office than any other public service, feels that he is being asked to pay more for a worse service. He is. But the stark fact is that if the increases now being sought are significantly watered down in any way he can expect the dete-rioration in the service to con-tinue apace, indeed to accelerate.

The anxieties of the customer are spelled out in some detail in the report published yester-day by the Post Office Users National Council. The report deserves careful examination by the Government and the public. It wholly disagrees with the cor-poration's arithmetic, suggests that the burden of increased charges could be cut by about two-thirds, and recommends an immediate independent review of the Post Office structure, organization and service.

The council's equation sug-gests that this cutback in increases — no increase for second-class letters, a 1p in-crease for first-class rather than 1½p, and a rise to only 2.2p in the cost of telephone units—should be traded off against three specific items in the Post Office balance sheet. It recom-mends: first, that the Gov-ernment should take partial responsibility for the huge deficiency in the corporation's pension fund; second, that instead of aiming to make a 2 per cent profit on telecommunications the corporation should be content to break even; and, finally, that £30m of additional savings should be made by internal economies. Total savings from that, it is calculated, would be £200m, leaving only £100m to be found from extra revenues.

Two of these three are open to question. The corporation, if it is to fund part of its investments from internal reserves, must be allowed some element of profit in its operations, and the 2 per cent return on inland telecom-munications turnover is modest enough by normal commercial criteria. It therefore seems un-wise to tamper with this element of its finances. Whether the corporation, already rigorously pruning its expenses to try to save £60m this year, could make a further £30m-worth of economies must seem unlikely unless the Post Office has made some major miscalculation about the scope for cuts.

What does not seem in doubt is that the £90m which the Post Office is being obliged to channel each year to its pension fund is a burden which the cor-poration should not have to shoulder. The greater part of the deficit in the pension fund is a result of events before the Post Office became a corporation. The Government has a clear moral duty to assume responsi-bility for this charge.

It remains to be seen whether the Post Office will weather its present financial crisis. But finance is only one part of the corporation's troubles. The Post Office Users National Council is certainly right to propose that a thorough independent review should be undertaken. It is time to establish once and for all whether the 1969 Act which set the corporation up is providing an adequate framework, or whether it has shackled this country's largest industry.

ocational courses

om Mr K. J. Fielding

I am most gravely concerned at prospect of many young people o, unable to find employment, are ng misled into taking full-time, rowly vocational further educa-courses in technical colleges.

Most vocational further education rses, particularly for craft-based upations, have been expressly ised to complement the practical ining and experience obtained in ployment. Whereas I have no h to further the damaging sion between training and ucation, I am appalled by the ure prospect of many young ple with paper qualifications but h no practical training or experi-e applying for work. Without ustry involvement, there can be proper selection and we shall d many who are totally unsuitable the trade for which they have en a vocational educational rse.

t is, of course, right that unem-yed school-leavers should be encouraged to continue meaningful education but it must be on the broadest possible basis and usefully preparatory to a wide range of occupations in order to give the best possible opportunity for the students to find suitable employment.

Some years ago, there used to be offered, by technical colleges, pre-apprenticeship courses. These were mainly for the 15-year-old school-leaver who, through various indus-trial agreements or the traditions of industry, could not commence apprenticeship until he was 16 years of age. The raising of the school-leaving age effectively stopped such courses but not, regrettably, because they were no longer necessary.

Although the reintroduction of similar courses will cause certain problems in industries whose wage agreements for apprentices are tied to age rather than years of service, this is a small price to pay for doing something positive for our young people who cannot find employment. In any case, the results of the remedial educational work alone, which was an essential feature of pre-apprenticeship courses, would more than offset the difficulties.

As one who is intimately con-cerned with apprentices and the suitable placement of young people, and as a father of two teenage sons, I make an earnest plea to all con-cerned with full-time, further educa-tional courses to ensure that they are devised to afford the students the widest possible opportunities for finding suitable employment. Narrowly vocational further educa-tion craft courses, without complementary training, and no guarantee of employment, will lead inevitably to the bitter disappoint-ment of many of the students who take them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legislative burden on Parliament

From Mr Francis Pym, Conservative MP for Cambridgeshire, and Mr John Davies, Conservative MP for Knutsford

Sir, Although it is nothing new for a Government to require Parliament to undertake a heavier legislative burden than usual, the programme this session goes far beyond what is reasonable. Mr Short, Leader of the House, has described it as "the heaviest programme for many years".

Besides there being too much legislation, it suffers from serious defects: first, a high proportion of it is socially divisive and disruptive which is hardly surprising, for it was introduced largely to enable the Government to perform its side of the so-called "social contract", which most people did not want, while the trade unions clearly failed to perform their side of it, income restraint, which most people wel-comed. Secondly, owing to lack of available time it is impossible for Members to digest so much legis-lation or to fulfil their duty to criticize and improve it adequately. Thirdly, the quality of legislation, about which there have been serious complaints for many years, has deteriorated through everybody con-cerned having to do a continuously rushed job.

A major casualty of the Govern-ment's programme has been the scrutiny of European legislation. Parliament approved the most thorough and effective process that any member country has devised for screening the large amount of legis-lative material arising from our membership of the Community. But, alas, the House of Commons has just not been given the chance by the Government to do this vital work, owing to the crushing burden of our own legislation.

The Government should therefore pay more respect for public opinion, for Parliament and for the law in the following ways:

(1) They should abandon those controversial Bills, which have not yet been passed, including the Com-munity Land Bill, the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, the Trade Union and Labour Rela-tions Bill and the Industry Bill.

(2) In the next session there should be a modest programme of better quality and less destructive effect.

(3) The Government could do something to restore confidence by saying that it will not proceed with its wealth tax proposals, and by reducing the punitive severity of present tax levels.

(4) Mr Short's promises to have a debate on the Renton Report on Legislation should be kept in Oc-tober. That committee of very experienced people made 87 detailed recommendations for improvement but added the warning that little could be done to improve the quality of legislation, unless those con-cerned were willing to modify some of their most cherished habits, notably "the tendency of all Gov-ernments to rush too much weighty legislation through Parliament in too short a time—and the inclination of members of Parliament to press for too much detail in Bills".

Our parliamentary democracy, as well as our economy, is under tre-mendous stress. It is time that the Government took steps to restore the strength of Parliament and to in-crease respect and gain support for the laws which it passes by intro-ducing carefully prepared measures that command a genuinely broad amount of public support.

Yours very truly,
FRANCIS PYM,
JOHN DAVIES,
House of Commons.
August 6.

Famine in Ethiopia

From Mr Jonathan Dimbleby

Sir, No one who knows Sir Bernard Braine would question his powerful humanitarian instincts. Yet he is also a politician. Even if he is as sympathetic to the revolutionary government of Ethiopia as he was to those who ran the Haile Selassie regime, his "appeal" to the Derg is scarcely as apolitical as he sug-gests.

The starvation in Wollo two years ago sprang as much from the neglect of the old regime as from the "problem of drought" which was the euphemism used by Haile Selassie's ministers to describe that catastrophe until it was discovered by the world. At that time Sir Bernard, doubtless for good reasons, appears to have judged it inappro-priate to criticize publicly the Emperor's rule.

Now when for nine months the Ethiopian Government has been on bended knee to the world for assist-ance in the famine-stricken Ogaden, he finds it proper to intervene in the politics of Ethiopia—tacitly im-plying that international assistance to the famine victims should be con-ditional upon a decision by the Mili-tary Government to mend its revolu-tionary ways.

His is a common western attitude. In Ethiopia (where I have just spent a month visiting both Eritrea and the Ogaden) the International Community explains that "mal-administration" is preventing them from doing what they would like. Of course the administration of Ethiopia has been affected by the social upheaval of the revolution but there is no evidence that it's any worse than any other disaster areas like Bangladesh, India or the Sahel. It's certainly very much better than it was during the Wollo famine two years ago—when the world re-sponded with alacrity.

It's hard to resist the conclusion that "maladministration" has pro-vided both a flimsy excuse for the failure of the western world to respond adequately to the disaster in the Ogaden and a glorious oppor-tunity for those who abhor the revo-lution to try to halt it. Meanwhile the children in the relief camps still die from starvation and disease at the rate of 50 a week.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN DIMBLEBY,
3 Thurleigh Avenue, SW12,
August 6.

Future of the motor cycle industry

From Mr Maurice Edelman, Labour MP for Coventry, North West

Sir, Doles of public money to in-efficient industries are money down the drain unless they are related to an efficient economic strategy. They can, of course, be treated as philanthropy—which is another matter. Mr Varley has confused two issues affecting the motor-cycle industry.

He said in the Commons: "To maintain the present workforce would cost about £50m. The cost per job would be about £17,000."

That is the standard Ministerial argument, designed to shock both supporters of the Welfare State and the anxious taxpayer. It was an argument used to hasten the end of the TSR2 (at what an ultimate cost to Britain!) when ministers pointed out that each plane would cost £12m. (Whistles of horror from below the gangway!)

But the real question for a Gov-ernment backing an enterprise of national interest is whether its help will succeed in making that in-dustry efficient and competitive through the volume of its output added to the quality of its product. The test of the TSR2 should have been whether it could have become a world-beating aircraft, produced in volume so that the prototype cost fell as output expanded.

So with Mr Varley's £17,000 a job to keep the NVT labour force going. The real test of that figure is whether it is an investment for, say, a decade when the British motor-cycle industry might be able through investment in new tech-niques, restructuring and even new agreements with its competitors to recover its place among the world leaders.

It is a pity that the House had not been given the opportunity before Mr Varley spoke of reading the Blue Paper *Strategy Alterna-tives for the British Motor Cycle Industry*, prepared by the Boston Consulting Group Ltd. There we would have read:

"The disastrous commercial per-formance of the British manu-facturers in this decade is the final result of their failure to respond effectively to the strategic implica-tions of the economic relationship between volume and costs in the motor-cycle business."

Honda's output, the report quotes, rose from 285,000 units in 1959 to over two million in 1974.

Since what I have written above is as relevant to British Leyland as it is to NVT, I hope that the Govern-ment will treat the NVT affair not as a parochial wrangle about the competence of ministers but as a fundamental issue for the future of British industry.

The Exchequer isn't and shouldn't be a bran-tub for special interests; nor should nationalization be regarded as a magic wand to be wielded by a patronage-nominee, arbitrarily appointed. Public invest-ment should be related to national economic strategy, and it requires the most efficient direction and the strictest monitoring. As I suggested in the Commons, there should be a national Holding Company for NVT-Meriden, as indeed for British Leyland, to direct such a strategy on which Britain's livelihood depends.

The alternative, I fear, is for the motor-cycle industry to roll over and die, and for British Leyland to become a costly state pensioner, a £1 million a day charge on the public purse.

Yours truly,
MAURICE EDELMAN,
House of Commons.
August 4.

Mr Laker's Skytrain project

From Lord Lyons of Brighton

Sir, I do most sincerely hope that Freddie Laker's Skytrain is not going to be looked at from the entrenched positions of party politics.

I happen to believe most strongly that the position adopted by Peter Shore and the Government is absolutely wrong—wrong both in the arguments put forward against it, but more importantly, wrong in the attitude underlying those arguments.

They admit that the Skytrain will "initially" make a profit and that it will probably attract 25 per cent new travellers to the Transatlantic route. They go on, however, to say that this will only induce the Americans to retaliate by introduc-ing their own version and then British Airways, etc., leading to wasteful competition.

Apart from the fact that I regard this as a highly doubtful scenario, I think the attitude of Mr Shore to prospective competition is the exact reverse of Mr Laker's more positive stance.

Mr Shore thinks we are always bound to lose. Mr Laker expects to win. Mr Shore's answer to com-petition is to build bigger, more monopolistic, units and to give them cotton wool protection against the real, competitive world we live in.

No fighter ever grew strong, skilful or aggressively successful by adopting a series of menacing poses against his own mirror image, whilst his manager resolutely refused to allow him into the ring to test his mettle in a real fight.

I suggest in the present economic climate, Britain needs more real fighters and less looking-glass boxers who keep appealing to the referee every time they are frightened by their own shadow.

We all, Conservatives and Social-ists alike, live and work—and we hope prosper—in a mixed economy. To ensure that Britain quickly re-establishes herself in the league of successful nations, we are going to need all the combative, competitive fight that typifies Freddie Laker and his concept of a Skytrain operation.

I hope that many Labour men and women in both Houses of Parliament will stand up and be counted in his support. And I hope and believe that Peter Shore and our Govern-ment will rethink their present position.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS LYONS,
House of Lords,
August 5.

AUEW elections

From Mr R. D. Halverson

Sir, The numerous inaccuracies and omissions of fact in Mr Levin's article concerning the AUEW (July 22) have prompted me to reply, for while his sour and ill-informed views about the union were predictable, your readers are entitled to the courtesy of knowing the facts of the matter.

No one denies that the October, 1972, election for the position of divisional organizer number 21 (East Anglia) was a shambles in terms of democracy. In the words of the judge it was "a series of disasters", yet Mr Brown was declared elected by a slim majority of 170. There is no doubt what Mr Levin would have said had I been elected in such a maladministered, discredited, and undemocratic ballot.

Moreover, and contrary to Mr Levin's assertion, there were an un-precedented number of complaints at late and non delivery of ballot papers *before* the declaration of the October, 1972, ballot was announced.

I had some confidence that the executive council of the union would respond appropriately. How-ever, they surprisingly proceeded to declare Mr Brown elected where-upon the evidence of maladministra-tion was submitted to the executive council. In this connexion it is not without significance that the in-complete number of names I sub-mitted of persons disfranchized totalled about 600 as against Mr Brown's majority of 170. In the absence of such irrefutable evidence my attitude would doubtless have been acceptance of the position, but I hold the view that a demo-cratic election can only determine the electorate's wishes when every one entitled to a vote has had that opportunity. (It would appear that Mr Levin disagrees.)

The executive council, correctly in my view, decided to hold a fur-ther ballot in March, 1973, not only for divisional organizer 21 but also for assistant divisional organizer number 19 where a left winger had been declared elected and which had also been the subject of com-plaint by the defeated right wing officer. The outcome of this ballot was my election as divisional organi-zer with a majority of 668 votes and after 2,500 of additional members had used the opportunity previously denied them of voting.

This ballot, which Mr Levin omits to mention, has not been the subject of a single complaint or protest and is generally accepted as having been fairly and democratically conducted. Therefore from any democratic standpoint the members have made clear the divisional organizer they require. This is the real issue and no amount of implied smearing by Mr Levin can alter these facts.

One is forced to the conclusion that Mr Levin supports democracy except where this results in large numbers of trade union members democractically and freely voting a known Communist to office.

It is for these reasons that I am obviously unhappy at the judgment made, which in the view of myself and many AUEW members is quite contrary to natural justice and elementary democracy as working people understand them. Neverthe-less, the judgment did not make any reference to "unscrupulous" endeavours on the part of the Com-munist Party or myself and indeed the Judge was at pains to point out that the one refreshing feature of the complicated case was the absence of any blame or respons-ibility on the part of either candi-date. Regrettably Mr Levin's com-ments imply exactly the opposite.

Moreover he apparently agrees with the Judge that the Executive Council did not have the authority to call a further ballot, having declared the result of the first elec-tion, and one wonders what can be done where fraud is subsequently proved. Nevertheless it follows that consistent with the judgment changes must now be made in the ADO 19 position for in the further ballot held in March, 1973, the left winger was unseated and the right winger elected, but there is not a word about this in Mr Levin's article.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. HALVERSON,
9 De Havilland Close,
Hatfield,
Hertfordshire,
July 23.

Nocturnal bells

From Miss Joyce M. Knight

Sir, A resident of Chelsea, I fully endorse Mr Patrick Napper's letter published on August 4 (Nocturnal bells). "Chinese torture" is exactly what we were subjected to some months ago, when the alarm on a presumably empty house drove all within earshot demented for an entire weekend. Had I possessed the necessary firearm or a long enough ladder I should most certainly have dislodged the noisesome pestilence and been proud to take the conse-quences as a public benefactor.

Surely it is inconsiderate of property owners to fit these alarms and then go away without making any provision for action to be taken when they blast off? Tortured but forgiving neighbours might willingly help to protect absentees' property if there were any means to enable them to do so, but unless access is given to someone, presumably the police, to investigate a possible break-in and to turn off the alarm, the installation seems pointless. Other unreasonable noises are con-trolled by law; why not this one?

Yours faithfully,
JOYCE M. KNIGHT,
1 Tedworth House,
Tedworth Square, SW3,
August 5.

Import controls on foreign cars

From Mr Maxwell Boyd

Sir, Mr Ray Edwards expresses "considerable dismay" at your editorial of July 30: "Import Con-trols are a Dangerous Weapon." I would think a considerable number of people will be equally dismayed to find that both Mr Edwards and the trade union of which he is assistant general secretary—the Association of Professional, Execu-tive, Clerical and Computer Staff—still believe so firmly that restric-ting the import of foreign cars into this country is a principal answer to the present problems of the British motor industry.

It is not completely clear from Mr Edwards's letter (August 2) whether APEX want import controls imposed on all foreign cars enter-ing Britain, or only on those from their bête noire, Japan. If the latter, there is a good deal of evi-dence to suggest that, should the Japanese share of the British market be reduced, the gap would only be filled by the other importers, and not by the domestic industry, as Mr Edwards suggests, no matter how great its capacity to do so. This is precisely what happened in Italy; when that country imposed sanc-tions on Japanese cars in 1969, the import share of the market was 25 per cent. In 1974, it was 28 per cent.

If, however, APEX wants con-trols on all foreign cars, then the implication is quite clear that they also want to control the British motorists' free choice in the matter of which car he buys. For, as Mr Peter Shore pointed out in the House of Commons last week, hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens pre-fer to buy foreign cars. The reasons for this preference need not be repeated here. They have been de-tailed in both the editorial and correspondence columns of the national newspapers (including your own, Sir) during the past few days.

Mr Edwards states his union's wholly praiseworthy long-term objective: "To ensure that Britain rerains a world position in the production of cars." But, surely, hiding from the foreign competition and pretending it does not exist, by banning it, is no way to achieve this objective? Despite Mr Edwards's denial, many people would regard this approach as nothing other than a "little Britain" attitude.

The British motor industry can-not prosper on its domestic market alone. Import restrictions may force through further sales at home. But they will do nothing to encourage exports. Indeed, they are far more likely to have quite the opposite effect, if for no other reason than retaliation. In fact, they could adversely affect several other of our prospering export industries as well, with a threat to jobs in these industries as the most likely result. I, myself, know of at least one industry where this very possibility is already feared.

Yours faithfully,
MAXWELL BOYD, Director,
Datsun UK Ltd,
Datsun House,
Brighton Road,
Worthing, Sussex.
August 4.

Clinical trials of drugs

From Professor Duncan Vere and Dr T. B. Binns

Sir, We have hoped in vain that someone would balance the record by stating the other side of the truth in your articles (July 31 and August 4) on abusers of clinical trials. Your readers may not realize that clinical trials are in general an indispensable step in the evaluation of worthwhile remedies. Their omission leads only to grave abuses; bad drugs may then be foisted upon unsuspecting patients. All treatment is a calculated risk and properly conducted clinical trials are needed to make the calculation as precise as possible. It is important that some of these trials are made under con-ditions in which the drug may even-tually be used, that is in general practice.

Large numbers of trials are made with a proper scientific balance, with the patients' consent, with review by an Ethics Committee, and the fees are paid to an institution rather than to an individual. Indeed it is now a legal requirement that new drugs be subjected to trials before they are marketed. There is some difficulty over trials in general practice, where access to an ethics committee may be less easily gained than in hospitals, and there is need to increase that access. But to use one serious abuse to imply criticism of the whole procedure, with loaded words like "secret" and "guinea-pig" added as flavouring, is seri-ously to mislead inexpert readers and less than responsible journal-ism. The general effect of trials is to protect, not to exploit, the public.

We are,
Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN VERE,
T. B. BINNS,
The London Hospital Medical College, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics,
Turner Street, E1,
August 5.

Haldane's Army

From Mr W. F. L. Newcombe

Sir, Please, it has happened again in today's (August 5) puzzle 14,064 for the second or third time. "She may catch old soldiers" is the clue. "Netta" is the answer. The infer-ence is that the T.A. no longer exists.

But the T.A. is not defunct like the Fencibles or Militia. It is alive and active. It is still the T.A. with V.R. added for the purists. So could the word "old" be dropped in future? "She may catch Haldane's Army" would be more applicable, though it could be too easy.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,
W. F. L. NEWCOMBE,
General Secretary,
Army Cadet Force Association,
58 Buckingham Gate, SW1,
August 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 6: The Queen held a Council at 10 o'clock this morning.

There were present: The Right Hon Edward Short, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), the Right Hon Edmund Dell, MP (Paymaster General) and the Right Hon Roy Hattersley, MP (Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Edward Short, MP, had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen received the Crown Prince of Morocco.

General Abdelhafid El Alaoui (Minister of the Royal Household), Monsieur Mohamed Aouad (Minister of the Princes and Princesses) and His Excellency Monsieur Abdellah Chorfi (Moroccan Ambassador) were present.

His Excellency Señor Dr Porfirio Herrera-Báez was received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Dominican Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Monsieur Phagna Inpeng Suryadhay and Madame Suryadhay were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of Laos to the Court of St James's.

Miss Ruth Dobson (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Australia at Copenhagen) had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, accompanied by The Prince Andrew and The Prince Edward, attended by the Lady Susan Hussey, Mr William Heseltine and Major Robin Broke, left London in the Royal Train this evening for Aberdeen.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the sixty-second Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Westminster Hall on September 4.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall on November 8.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal Variety Performance at the London Palladium on November 10.

Forthcoming marriages

Squadron Leader P. Davidson
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Beer, of Saltford, Somerset, and Fiona, only daughter of Mrs H. W. Davidson and the late Mr H. W. Davidson, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr A. Diamond and Miss S. M. N. Woolf
The engagement is announced between Alan Diamond, of Flat 97, 55 Park Lane, London, W1, son of Mr and Mrs S. I. Diamond, and Sheila Millicent Norma, younger daughter of the late Mr A. W. Woolf and of Mrs A. W. Woolf, of 55 Portman Towers, George Street, London, W1.

Mr W. R. Gradwell and Miss S. P. Nelson
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mrs J. Gradwell and the late Mr R. H. Gradwell, of Mullions, Hill Top Lane, Lund House Green, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Suzanne Patrice, youngest daughter of Mrs A. G. Nelson and the late Mr C. H. Nelson, of Rutland Court, Rutland Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr T. G. Maby and Miss V. Friendly
The engagement is announced between Tim Grant, son of Mr and Mrs E. G. Maby, of Kensington, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Friendly, of Washington, DC, and Chelsea.

Mr K. J. Zaloumis and Miss A. N. E. Mason
The engagement is announced between Kleas John Zaloumis and Amanda Nota Ensor Mason.

Marriage

The Rev R. A. Paten and Miss C. A. Long
The marriage took place on August 5 in the Anglican Cathedral, Nairobi, between the Rev R. A. Paten of Castor, Peterborough and Miss Carol Long, of Peterborough.

Prince Michael

Prince Michael of Kent, who was admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on Tuesday, suffering from a septic foot, is responding very well to treatment, a bulletin from Kensington Palace said yesterday. It added that he was expected to leave hospital within 48 hours.

Birthdays today

Sir Maurice Dorman, 63; Mr H. L. Elvin, 70; the Right Rev Dr W. L. S. Fleming, 69; Mr Ian J. Fraser, 52; Sir Lionel Heald, QC, 78; Major Sir Guy Lloyd, 85; Brigadier S. H. Longrigg, 82; Dame Ella Macknight, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Hector Maclean, 67.



Members of the National Youth Brass Band Rehearsing during a summer course at Cottingham, Humberside. The band is to give a concert in the City Hall, Hull, tomorrow, under a guest conductor, Mr Marcus Dods.

Dance

Royal London Yacht Club
The Royal London Yacht Club held a dance at Cowes, Isle of Wight, last night. Those present included:
Sir Max Aitken (Admiral), Mr Patrick Egan (Commodore) and Mrs Egan, the Hon Peter Vanneck (Vice-Commodore), Mr Alastair C. Miller (Rear-Commodore) and Miss Alison Miller; Viscount and Viscountess Hawarden, Lord Alexander Rufus Isaacs, Lord and Lady Harvington, Lord Dennian, the Hon Maxwell and Mrs Aitken, the Hon Laura Aitken, the Hon Elizabeth Allsopp, the Hon Sophia Maude, Sir Gordon and Lady Smith, Sir Robert Hobart, Sir Diarmaid Conroy, QC, and Lady Conroy, Mr and Mrs Patrick Agar, Mr J. Anthony Boyden, Captain M. P. R. and Lady Nell Boyle, Mr and Mrs Charles Blake, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Leslie David, Colonel and Mrs I. R. Elliot, Mr and Mrs Simon Coltart, Mr and Mrs B. Z. de Ferranti, Mr R. T. Glanville, Mr G. D. Glanville, Mr J. P. Hollamby, Mr Iain Macdonald Smith, Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, Mr J. Hoare, Mr J. Hannam, MP, and Mrs Hannam, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs C. R. H. Kindersley, Colonel R. P. Kilkelly, Mr and Mrs P. Lee, De Heer J. A. Van Den Berg, Mevrouw M. J. C. Van Den Berg-Raars, Mr and Mrs R. Pratt, Mr Renato Levi, Mr W. D. Livingston, Mr and the Hon Mrs Rudolph Agnew, Mr and Mrs P. R. Nutting, Mr and Mrs P. C. Nicholson, Mrs M. Pleydell-Bouverie, Mr and Mrs G. F. Wingate Pearse, Air Commodore and Mrs C. H. Simpson, Mr and Mrs D. K. Seth-Smith and Mr D. Sawyer.

Luncheon

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Tanzania, and Mr Paul Sozigwa, Director of Broadcasting. Among the guests were:
The Tanzanian High Commissioner, Baroness Tweedsmuir of Belhelvie, Mr T. H. H. Skeet, MP, Mr David Steel, MP, Mr W. Whitlock, MP, Mr John Chadwick, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr E. M. Rose

Dinner

Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a dinner yesterday evening for the American Ambassador and Mrs Richardson. The guests included:
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, Sir Louis Gluckstein, QC, and Lady Gluckstein, Sir Anthony and Lady Lewis, Mr and Mrs Eric Lyons, Mr G. A. Marlow, Mr and Mrs C. L. Parish, Mr and Mrs D. E. Woodbine Parish and the Chief Executive, Sir Alan Dawtry.

Today's engagements

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester visits Lady Nelson Home, Thorpe-le-Soken, 3.30; later attends Colchester Tattoo, 8.15.

Exhibition: Alfred Stevens, Victorian artist, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 10-6.

Exhibition: "Circumpolar Community", the evolution and culture of the northern native peoples, Canada House Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 9.30-5.

Concert by London Fire Brigade Band, College Garden, Westminster Abbey, 12.30-2.

Sale of treasure from nine wrecks

Bullion and artifacts from nine wrecks, including an illegal slave trader, will be auctioned at Penzance on September 26. The treasure comes from six ships sunk off the Isles of Scilly, one sunk off Shetland, one off Guernsey and off Sicily.

There will be 1,327 lots of coin and artifacts from England, Holland, Spanish America and metropolitan Spain.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Lord Justice Russell to be a Lord of Appeal in succession to Lord Cross of Chelsea. Mr Justice Goff, Mr Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Shaw to be Lords Justices of Appeal.

Mr P. R. Pain, QC, Mr S. Brown, QC, and Mr M. J. Fox, QC, to be judges of the High Court of Justice.

The Lord Chancellor will assign Mr Pain to the Queen's Bench Division, Mr Brown to the Family Division, and Mr Fox to the Chancery Division.

Mr N. M. Stratford, a lecturer in medieval art at Westfield College, London University, to succeed Dr R. L. S. Bruce-Mitford as keeper of medieval and later antiquities at the British Museum.

Sir Lew Grade, chairman and chief executive of the Associated Television Corporation, and Mr John Freeman, chairman and chief executive of London Weekend Television, to be vice-presidents of the Royal Television Society.

Eisteddfod accused of erecting unsafe pavilion

From Trevor Fishlock
Criccieth

The organizers of the National Eisteddfod of Wales were accused yesterday, from the main stage, of mismanaging the construction of the 7,000-seat transportable pavilion.

Dr Thomas Parry, former Principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, said that until a few weeks ago the pavilion, the heart of the eisteddfod, was in a dangerous state.

Later he said: "The eisteddfod council has not taken its duties seriously. If they do not make a good job of moving it from this site there will be no eisteddfod next year."

Defects in the pavilion, an enormous structure of steel frames, clad with plywood, were noted by a BBC structural engineer who arrived to supervise the construction of camera platforms. Main stanchions were found to be askew. Engineers were called in to do remedial work and afterwards the building was given a safety certificate by the local authority.

Mr Armon Ellis, the eisteddfod finance committee chairman, said professional supervision was necessary. The removal of the building from Carmarthen had been delayed by bad weather and negotiations over the sale of the pavilion, which hitherto had been rented from contractors.

Latest wills

£68,068 estate of Michael Flanders

Mr Michael Henry Flanders, of Chiswick, actor and lyricist left £68,608 net. (No duty shown.) He left his upright Bechstein piano to Donald Swann, "in memory of our years of happy collaboration."

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Collins, Mr Geoffrey Havelock, of Berkhamsted, surveyor .. £119,841
Whittle, Mr Henry Woollam, of Sawtry, Cumbria £134,353
Hastings, Marguerite Lady, of Melton Constable, widow of the twenty-first baron and daughter of the third Marquess of Abergavenny £47,928

Station buildings listed

Two bays of the "train sheds" spanning the western side of Liverpool Street Station, London, and the Gothic-style offices flanking the ramp have been included in grade II in the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historical interest. The station was built in 1872.

Scriveners' Company

The Scriveners' Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr H. M. Temple-Richards; Upper Warden, Mr J. D. Heal; Renter Warden, Mr K. F. C. Baker; Honorary Clerk, Mr Desmond V. O'Meara.

University news

Oxford
The following awards have been made:
RADCLIFFE: Pharmacology prize, Ruth Alloway, Som; Burdett Coutts prize, S. K. Levell, St Cath; Pusey and Ellerton prize for Biblical Hebrew, P. M. Joyce, Keble.

Cambridge
The Ministry of Overseas Development has awarded a grant of £18,240 to the department of clinical veterinary medicine for studies on the control of Newcastle disease (fowl pest) under Dr Hsiau-Pin Chu.

Wales
Dr B. H. Knight, senior lecturer in forensic pathology at the Welsh National School of Medicine, to be reader.

Birmingham
Dr P. Jarratt, BSc (Manc), PhD (Brad), director of the computing laboratory at Salford University, is to become professor of computing and director of the computer centre in October.

Leeds
Dr D. Rhodes, BA, PhD (Leeds), reader in electrical and electronic engineering, has been awarded a personal professorship.

Keele
Appointments:
Professor M. A. M. Roberts, MA (Cantab), Professor of English and head of the department of English at Queen's University, Belfast, to be Professor of English and head of the department of English from October 1. T. Souster, BA, BMus (Oxon), to be Leverhulme research fellow in electronic music from October. A. P. Anelay, BA (Manc), head of the history department, Crewe and Alsager College of Education, to be teacher fellow in David Bruce Centre for the session 1975-76. L. Letsmer, BA, New School for Social Research, New York, MSW (Columbia), senior research officer, National Children's Bureau, to be senior lecturer in social work courses from September 1. R. E. Massara, BA (Essex), SRC research student, to be lecturer in electronics from October 1. Eva M. Procek, BA (Keele), postgraduate student in sociology, to be organizing lecturer in sociology, department of adult education, from August 1. H. Suganami, BA (Tokyo), MSc (Econ) (Wales), Noel Buxton research student in international relations at LSE, to be lecturer in international relations from October 1.

Grant:
£10,487 from the Ministry of Overseas Development to the department of chemistry for three years for work by Dr E. D. Morgan on locust moulting hormones.

Borough Road College

Borough Road College will introduce for all students from September honours degree courses in combined studies for the new BA, BSc and BHumanities degrees of London University.

25 years ago

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From Our Own Correspondent

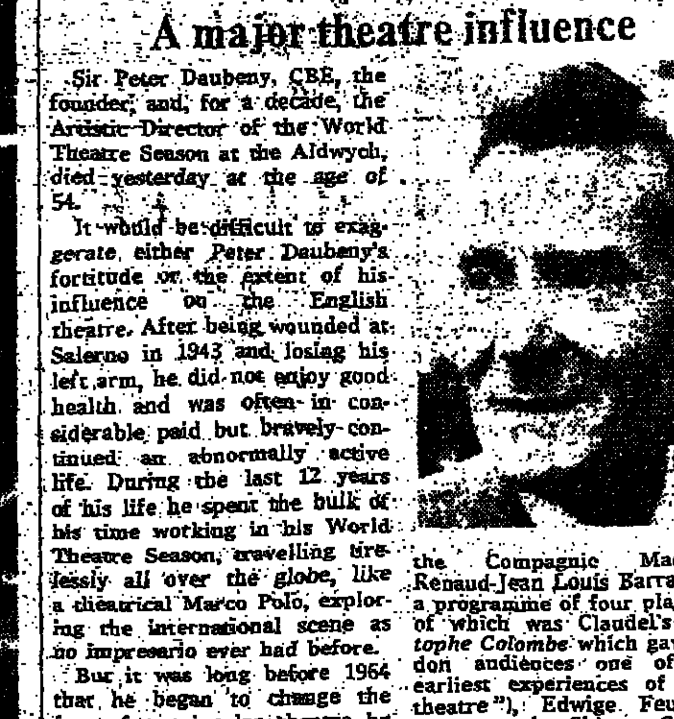
Berlin, Aug 6.—The Evangelical and Catholic Churches in east Germany responded today to attacks which the east German political leaders have lately made on them, and the breach between Church and State in east Germany is now likely to widen. The politicians having thrown down the gauntlet, the churches are openly, if still somewhat warily, taking up the challenge.

Dr Dibelius, the president of the Evangelical Church Council in Germany and the Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, has been in especial disfavour since he returned from a visit to the United States. Preaching today in the Marienkirche, which lies in the Russian sector and was filled to the doors, he said that . . . the church of Christ could not do other than speak of freedom, and ever freedom.

OBITUARY

SIR PETER DAUBENY

A major theatre influence



Sir Peter Daubeny, CBE, the founder, and, for a decade, the Artistic Director of the World Theatre Season at the Aldwych, died yesterday at the age of 54.

It would be difficult to exaggerate either Peter Daubeny's fortitude or the extent of his influence on the English theatre. After being wounded at Salerno in 1943 and losing his left arm, he did not enjoy good health and was often in considerable pain but bravely continued an abnormally active life. During the last 12 years of his life he spent the bulk of his time working in his World Theatre Season, travelling tirelessly all over the globe, like a theatrical Marco Polo, exploring the international scene as no impresario ever had before.

But it was long before 1964 that he began to change the face of our insular theatre by importing foreign companies. There are few turning points in our postwar theatrical history as important as the 1956 visit of Brecht's Berliner Ensemble, which shifted playwrights, directors, designers and even casting directors to thinking more in socio-economic terms. Kenneth Tynan had already written copiously about Brecht and Joan Littlewood had absorbed some of his ideas, but it was Daubeny who actually brought over three of his productions.

Born in Wiesbaden on April 16, 1921, into a military family with no theatrical connexions, Peter Daubeny spent a year training as an actor at Michel St Denis's London Theatre Studio, and in the summer of 1939 he was taken on as a student at the Liverpool Repertory Theatre, but his acting career was cut short by the war. As a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards he fought with the Eighth Army in North Africa until he lost his arm.

He had already decided on a career in theatrical management before being invalided back to Britain. With some help from Ivor Novello he succeeded in mounting the first play to be produced in London after VE Day—*The Gay Pavilion* by William Lipscombe. It came off after barely a month's run, but, having met S. N. Behrman socially, Daubeny was able to bounce back into the same theatre, the Piccadilly, two months later with *Jacobowsky and the Colonel*, Brecht's adaptation of a play by Werfel, directed by Michael Redgrave, who also played the Colonel. Within the next four years, though still in his twenties, Daubeny was able to put on plays by Lonsdale (*But for the Grace of God*, with A. E. Matthews), Somerset Maugham (*Our Betters*), Ivor Novello (*We Proudly Present*), Noël Coward (a revival of *Fallen Angels* with Hermione Gingold and Hermione Baddeley) and a successful thriller, *The Late Edwina Black*.

His international involvements began mainly with ballet companies. Between June, 1951, and March, 1952, he presented six foreign companies at The Cambridge, including the Ballets des Champs-Elysées with Jean Babilée, Zizi Jeanmaire and Roland Petit, Katherine Dunham's company and a company from India. In 1953 he brought over Sacha Guitry and the American National Ballet Company. Then in 1954 he organized Martha Graham's first visit to London.

Before his first World Theatre Season was launched with the sponsorship of the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1964 as a contribution to the celebrations for the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, he had been responsible for bringing a great many important companies to England. They included the Mozart Opera Company from Salzburg, les Ballets Africains, Jean Vilar's Théâtre National Populaire, the Red Army Choir, the Compagnie Madeleine Renaud-Jean Louis Barrault (in a programme of four plays, one of which was Claudel's *Christophe Colombe* which gave London audiences one of their earliest experiences of "total theatre"), Edwige Feuillère's company, the Chinese Classical Theatre from Formosa, the New York Negro Ballet, the Moscow Art Theatre, the Comédie Française, the Swedish company from Malmo in Ingmar Bergman's production of Goethe's *Urfaust*, Jerome Robbins's Ballets USA, Marie Bell's company in a Racine season and the Off-Broadway company in Jack Gelber's *The Connection*.

It has been said that the World Theatre Season became one of the strongest justifications for London's claim to be the world's theatrical capital: this is true, but we must not forget how much Daubeny had already done towards establishing the claim.

There is no need to list the companies or the productions which have been seen in the 11 seasons he organized, but what is not always realized is how often they provided cues for English productions. Jacques Charon's direction of the Comédie Française in Feydeau's *Un Fil à la patte* must have inspired the idea of inviting him to direct Feydeau's *A Flea in Her Ear* at the National, and Zuckmayer's *The Captain from Köpenick* might never have been done there if the Schiller Theatre from Berlin had not brought it to the previous year's World Theatre Season.

Nor can it be fortuitous that the Royal Shakespeare Company's decision to revive Dion Boucicault's *London Assurance* was taken just after the Abbey Theatre from Dublin had brought his play *The Shaughraun* to the 1968 World Theatre Season. And it was after Japanese Noh Theatre had featured in the 1967 season that Peter Brook introduced Noh techniques into his work on *The Tempest*.

When ill health prevented Peter Daubeny from organizing a World Theatre Season in 1974, it became obvious that no one could step forward to replace him. Who else would have the flair, the energy, the devotion and the time to travel round the world shopping for productions? It was good news that the doctors allowed him to produce another season this year, and though it turned out to be below the standard he had set for himself, it should not be allowed to obscure the importance of his earlier achievements.

Made CBE in 1967 and knighted in 1973, he was also showered with international honours, the Gold Cross of the Royal Order of King George I of Greece (1965), Cavaliere of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (1966), Gold Medal of Czechoslovakia (1967), Order of Merit of the German Federal Republic (1971), Legion of Honour (1971), and Polonia Restituta (1974). Italy conferred on him the rank of Commendatore of its Order of Merit only a few days ago.

Sir Peter Daubeny published two books, *Stage by Stage* (1952) and *My World of Theatre* (1971). He married in 1948 and is survived by Lady Daubeny, a son Nicholas, and a daughter, Caroline.

FRANCES BELLERBY

Charles Causley writes:

The death on July 30 of Frances Bellerby at Goveton, near Kingsbridge in South Devon, has robbed contemporary poetry of a unique and distinguished voice.

Born in Bristol in 1899, she began composing poems at the age of three or four, and continued to do so until her death. (Her publisher, Alan Clodd, received some new poems for typing within the past fortnight.)

After a series of jobs (teacher, kennel-maid, research-assistant, hospital librarian), marriage, and a serious illness, she settled at Plash Mill (the title of her first collection published by Peter Daives in 1946) on the south-east rim of Bodmin Moor in Cornwall. Here she wrote and lived for 11 years, surrounded by a small posse of domestic and wild creatures with whom she maintained an extraordinary and quite unsentimental affinity.

Thereafter, she moved to Clearbrook, a village on the edge of Dartmoor, and finally to South Devon. She was for many years afflicted by pain and various disabilities, but the poems continued to be written. In a real sense, poetry—that of others, as well as her own—was her life-blood.

A second volume of verse, *The Brightening Cloud*, was published by Peter Davies in 1950, and a third—*The Stone Angel and The Stone Man*—was brought out in a fine edition by Ted Williams of Plymouth in 1958. Her *Selected Poems* appeared from Enitharmon Press in 1970, and a new collection, *The First-Known*, comes out under the same imprint this week. She was also a short-story writer of real distinction, notably with *A Breathless Child* (Collins, 1952).

Frances Bellerby's poetry is informed by a powerful sense of place. She set great value on natural events and objects in themselves, and her verse demonstrates, to a remarkable degree, the closeness of the observer to the observed. With great subtlety, experience is seen to be freshly re-created, renewed, and transmitted unerringly to the reader.

As well as the natural life of the countryside, the world of childhood particularly absorbed her. "It has always seemed to me much stranger that we should forget", she once remarked, "than that we should remember, early childhood."

That her work has earned her a secure place among the company of our national poets seems to me quite without question. To read her, is to be in the presence of a true original.

Captain James Thain, pilot of the aircraft in which 23 people, including eight members of Manchester United FC died in the Munich air disaster of 1958, has died. He was completely cleared of blame for the accident in 1969.

Miss Betty Entwhistle, Chief Executive to St Albans District Council, has died at the age of 62. In 1960 she became the first woman town clerk in England.

Lady Cuming, widow of Sir Arthur Herbert Cuming, has died at the age of 96. She was Beryl Christine, daughter of H. A. Austen. Her husband died in 1941.

Brigadier Geoffrey Plomer, OBE, has died. Born in 1897 he served in both world wars and was made OBE in 1945. He married in 1927 and had two sons and one daughter.

Oxford class lists: English language and literature

The following Honour Moderations class lists have been issued at Oxford University:

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Cambridge awards and elections

The following elections and awards have been made at Cambridge University.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

Postgraduate awards (titular).—Caldwell scholarships (contd): S. P. Beaumont, R. C. Leogood; Caldwell studentship with title and status of foundation scholar: K. J. Falconer; Donaldson studentship: D. Stevenson; Caldwell studentship: D. B. Wilson. Scholarships. Foundation: M. A. Corner (contd), P. J. Godman, S. J. Hathrell, D. J. Ibbetson, G. D. Monk; Manners: G. J. M. Burchill (contd), E. G. Elias, E. C. Norton, M. J. Walker, P. N. R. Zutshi; Caldwell: J. M. Bartlett (contd), R. E. Benfield (contd), J. Fischel (contd), D. J. Blow, A. L. Campbell, C. G. Joslin, A. H. Kerr, J. S. Wilde, S. Williams, J. A. Woolliams (contd); Smith: B. G. Oliveira; given title of scholar: G. A. Cooke, H. St J. S. Corbett.

Prizes. Bishop Green cups: Bachelor: F. J. King, J. R. McCrum; Undergraduate: D. J. Ibbetson. College (£60): A. Rush, G. A. Cooke, H. St J. S. Corbett, K. J. Falconer, A. R. Farquar, P. S. Hodge, P. J. King, J. R. McCrum, T. J. M. Rossiter, D. Stevenson, P. Walley, D. B. Wilson. Bacon (£20): J. M. Bartlett, M. D. R. Beasley, R. E. Benfield, L. S. Blockley, D. J. Blow, A. L. Campbell, G. J. Cates, J. Fischel, C. G. Joslin, A. H. Kerr, D. G. B. Oliveira, P. H. Plumptre, K. T. Thomas, K. J. Wilde, S. Williams, J. A. Woolliams; Cowell (£20): G. J. M. Burchill, E. G. Elias, C. W. N. Salmon, M. J. Walker, P. N. R. Zutshi; Lawrence (£20): E. C. Norton; Books (£60): M. A. Corner, P. J. Godman, S. J. Hathrell, D. J. Ibbetson, G. D. Monk; Books (£30): J. M. Bartlett, M. D. R. Beasley, R. E. Benfield, L. S. Blockley, D. J. Blow, G. J. M. Burchill, A. L. Campbell, G. J. Cates, E. G. Elias, J. Fischel, C. G. Joslin, A. H. Kerr, E. C. Norton, D. G. B. Oliveira, P. H. Plumptre, C. W. N. Salmon, K. T. Thomas, M. J. Walker, J. S. Wilde, S. Williams, J. A. Woolliams, P. N. R. Zutshi.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Bachelor scholarship: Election: B. Stanley. Senior scholarships. Reelections: G. J. Barratt, G. R. Bate, R. K. Bryan, R. P. Fernando, A. J. Forbat, C. R. Jefferys, P. G. Lodge, P. N. Lowe, J. McMullen, M. C. Murray, J. K. Raper, D. Saville, A. W. Taylor. Elections: R. Bean (hon), J. Beckerleg, R. C. Booth, W. T. Chester, S. F. Clark, R. Ecob, P. A. Evans, N. J. Fischl, M. C. B. Gough, A. M. A. Hill (hon), V. Jaffe (hon), A. L. Ormond (hon), G. Osmond, G. W. L. Phillips, I. F. Powell, T. D. Price (hon), C. T. W. Ransden (hon), R. J. Raymould, P. Robinson, J. F. Scott (hon), R. Stacey, S. J. Stevenson, S. C. Timms, W. J. Tobin (hon), J. W. F. Waldron, M. J. Whitaker (hon), S. Yearley. Senior exhibition, Election: J. P. O'Brien.

College Prizes. Glover: H. D. Potter; Rodwell: J. McMullen; Pattison: R. C. Booth; Dick Longden: M. C. Murray; S. J. Stevenson; Edward Spearing: B. Stanley; Colin Mackenzie: V. Jaffe, G. W. L. Phillips; Wallace: A. J. Forbat, E. R. Jefferys; Swain: G. J. Barratt; Peake, M. J. Whitaker, Andrew Bury: S. F. Clark, W. J. Tobin; Sudbury-Hardyman: A. M. A. Hill; M. C. Dodds, C. R. Bean, A. W. Taylor; Hackett Exhibition: J. P. O'Brien.

Prizes for first class in certain examinations. Tripos examinations: C. J. Barratt, G. R. Bate, C. R. Bean, J. Beckerleg, R. C. Booth, R. K. Bryan, S. F. Clark, R. C. Ecob, P. A. Evans, R. P. Fernando, N. J. Fischl, A. J. Forbat, M. C. B. Gough, A. M. A. Hill, V. Jaffe, E. R. Jefferys, P. G. Lodge, P. N. Lowe, J. McMullen, M. C. Murray, A. L. Ormond, G. Osmond, G. W. L. Phillips, I. F. Powell, T. D. Price, C. T. W. Ramsden, J. K. Raper, P. Robinson, D. Saville, J. F. Scott, R. Stacey, B. Stanley, S. J. Stevenson, A. W. Taylor, S. C. Timms, W. J. Tobin, J. W. F. Waldron, M. J. Whitaker, S. Yearley. Preliminary examinations: W. T. Chester, R. J. Raybould.

KING'S COLLEGE

Scholarships. Archaeology and anthropology: Helen B. Johnson, Madeleine K. Pluer; mathematics: Patricia E. Gardener; philosophy: Georgina M. Elston. Senior scholarships. Archaeology: R. M. Palaczkowski; engineering: K. R. Bailey, A. M. Robinson; English: R. E. N. Christiansen, S. Conley; history: Priscilla M. Roberts; mathematics: S. J. Meybank; medical sciences: T. R. McAuliffe, J. H. Pennant; music: F. J. R. Grier; natural sciences: D. A. Eisner, R. C. Woods; philosophy: Hannah S. Colrider. J. N. Slaney. Honorary senior scholarships. English: Margaret G. Clayton; N. R. Williams; mathematics: Hazel M. Barber; modern languages: P. D. Peterken; philosophy: Janet C. Holmes; social and political sciences: B. A. D. Bryant.

Prizes. Cooke: G. R. F. Grier; second Cooke: A. Mycroft; Givan: F. J. R. Grier, J. K. Slaney; Richards for maths: R. J. Granville; additional Richards: P. Hollins, S. C. Reisbach; Doncaster for history: Priscilla M. Roberts; Powell for natural sciences: J. D. Aiha, D. G. Byers, D. A. Eisner, Jane M. A. Few, P. A. Trapnell, R. C. Woods; Powell for medical sciences: A. J. Clarke, F. J. Creighton, A. J. Glowinski, C. M. Jack, Deborah Jarman, T. R. McAuliffe, J. H. Pennant; W. H. Macaulay for engineering: K. R. Bailey, A. M. Robinson; F. P. Brittord for zoology: Dorothy C. Bennett; G. H. W. Rylands for English: R. E. N. Christiansen, Margaret G. Clayton; Penshiner: D. J. Morley (architecture); P. M. Kelly (mathematics), I. M. Anderson (medical sciences); Rook: Hazel M. Barber, B. A. D. Bryant, Janet C. Holmes, P. D. Peterken, N. R. Williams.

MAGDALENE COLLEGE

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Prizes. Mynors Bright: H. A. Chase, G. M. Malloch Brown; college: archaeology and anthropology: D. S. Fitzsimmons; economics: I. C. Steel; engineering: P. S. Halton, P. N. Fitzgerald, S. J. L. Fox, P. T. Kindersley; history: G. M. Malloch Brown, lay: R. C. Arthur, C. J. Greenwood, H. N. Molani; natural sciences: M. A. Carpenter, H. A. Chase, G. C. Walker, C. P. Wood; Christie: J. Gibbons (natural sciences); Clarabut: T. Spencer (geography); Davison: G. I. A. Chapman (mathematics); Davison and Starley (English): T. J. R. Bell, R. P. Little, M. J. Shaps, C. J. Warren; Dunster history essay: N. P. Collins, D. G. F. Thompson; Gill (classics): P. Kay; Macfarlane-Grieve (music): R. D. Morrison; Newton: D. R. D. Low, Peskett (modern languages): S. D. C. Downe, M. S. Good, B. C. Saunders (medicine); P. S. Baxter; Master's reading, G. M. Jarman, T. C. Moncklon.

SELWYN COLLEGE

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Science report

Genetics: Short cut to cereal breeding

Cereal breeding programmes sometimes take up to 12 or 13 years before a new variety is ready for release to farmers. But ingenious techniques being developed for wheat and barley may cut that to about five years. At present the lag is caused mainly by the number of generations and therefore the number of years it takes to produce pure-breeding lines of promising selections from the genetic mixture produced by crossing the two original parents.

The search for a new variety starts with the crossing of two pure-breeding lines containing characteristics that the breeder wants to recombine in his new line. The pure-breeding lines are homozygous, that is, they contain the same genetic determinants on the sets of chromosomes from both parents. But when two homozygous lines are crossed, the progeny, the F1 generation, will be heterozygous for all the characteristics in which the two parents differed. That is, they will contain different genetic determinants at the same places on the maternal and paternal chromosomes.

In practice that means that when plants from the F1 generation are crossed with each other or allowed to self-fertilize, the maternal and paternal sets of chromosomes they contribute to their progeny can comprise all sorts of combinations of the original parental characteristics and produce a wide range of different plants in the next F2 generation.

That provides the variety from which the plant breeder can choose promising new lines, but he then has to go through the tedious business of getting those selections into a homozygous, pure-breeding form that can be used in further crosses and finally released to the farmer. That takes about five generations of self-crossing and selection, and even with the ingenious trick of growing on the next generation immediately in the southern hemisphere's summer may take several years.

But a technique has been developed to overcome that delay. When the pollen and ovules are being formed the chromosomes undergo a complex round of division and reassortment which results in half the normal number of chromosomes going into the gamete, the male pollen grain or the female ovule, which recombine on fertilization. When gametes are formed from a heterozygous plant all sorts of different genetic combinations are produced, which on fertilization produce a wide range of plant types.

If the gametes could be isolated and their chromosome numbers artificially doubled by chemical treatment, a perfectly homozygous fertile plant would be produced and the breeder could be sure that a promising selection would then breed true straight away.

The difficulty had been to obtain those "haploid" plants with only one set of chromosomes in sufficient numbers to make them a practical proposition. A recent advance report in *Nature*, by Dr I. R. Barclay, of the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge, makes use of a cross between wheat and the distantly related *Hordeum bulbosum*, a wild relative of barley, and holds out the hope of obtaining haploids in sufficient numbers. When the two distant relatives are crossed the chromosomes contributed by *H bulbosum* are progressively lost as the embryo develops leaving a "haploid" seed.

That unfortunately cannot develop further on its own, but when the embryo is transplanted to simple artificial culture it develops into an apparently normal seedling. When the seedling is still quite small its roots are treated with colchicine, which produces chromosomes doubling in some of the cells of the plant. Those cells continue to divide, producing fully fertile, seed-bearing shoots, and the seeds will produce plants identical with their haploid parent but containing the normal number of chromosomes. The technique was first developed using cultivated barley crossed with *H bulbosum*, and is now being used in a barley breeding programme in Canada.

So far Dr Barclay has obtained 70 haploid plants by this method, all of which resemble common wheat with no trace of their *H bulbosum* parent. Under the microscope the 21 chromosomes are indistinguishable from the haploid complement of wheat. Such genetic incompatibility may cause difficulties when the breeder wants to introduce a trait, such as disease resistance, from a distantly related plant, but in this case it has been put to good use.

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Government draws up new industrial strategy in ight to revive productivity

David Young
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day as "a descriptive docu-
ment".

Recent government aid to the shipbuilding industry and the announcement of aid for the machine tool and ferrous foundry industries will be placed in perspective when the proposals are announced. At present, Neddy was told, this aid would seem to be isolated cases.

Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of Neddy, said yesterday that the Government is after a deliberately and properly thought out strategy for halting the deterioration in our industrial productivity and later improving productivity.

The Treasury and the Department of Industry views will be complemented by work already being carried out in Neddy and the little Neddies investigating problems in specific industries.

Mr Healey is understood to have said yesterday that the Government feels it should be less concerned with forecasts and should be in a position to identify and give aid to the sectors of industry which it feels could most quickly benefit and contribute to the balance of payments.

Sir Ronald yesterday presented a paper to Neddy in which he said that Britain's trading position relative to France and more particularly West Germany, is even worse than many people imagine.

"If these trends continue for much longer we may soon have little prospect of balancing our external accounts at a high level of employment, with all that this implies for the standard of living to which we have become accustomed.

"Few people, including those working in the industries concerned, realize, for instance, that until the late 1960s our performance vis-à-vis West Germany appears to have deteriorated more seriously in chemicals than in mechanical engineering."

Leyland stewards accept participation plan

By Clifford Webb

A delegate meeting of more than 400 British Leyland shop stewards and national union officials yesterday approved the new management's proposals for implementing the Ryder Committee's recommendations on worker participation. The Ryder Report emphasized that effective worker participation was fundamental to the success of the reorganized motor group.

At a press conference following the stewards' meeting in Birmingham, Mr Bob Wright, national official of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, described the development as "a decision of paramount importance to industrial relations throughout the country. This is the first major company to launch meaningful proposals for effective participation at all levels", he stated.

Mr Wright pointed out that Leyland had proposed a radical change of approach by both management and organized labour. Matters normally regarded as the exclusive prerogative of management would now be settled by joint consultation. These included investment, new model and facility planning, sales and marketing plans and financial performance.

He emphasized however, that the unions accepted the ultimate decision would remain with management. However, Leyland agreed to present alternative courses of action whenever they were available and to modify them in the light of discussions at the joint bodies.

Yesterday's meeting decided that manual and staff unions in British Leyland Cars and British Leyland Truck and Bus should be asked to submit by August 20, names for membership of two ad hoc working parties.

These 60-strong working parties, on which there will be equal representation by management, will then decide the constitution and methods of electing members to a three-tier system of joint bodies.

The lowest level will be at each plant. These plant committees will in turn elect representatives to area committees and they will elect representatives to a group management council.

Yesterday's "breakthrough" was surprising in view of the suspicions voiced by many shop stewards. It follows a meeting at Hastings on June 23 between Mr Alex Park, managing director of Leyland, and national union officials. At the conclusion, Mr Park set out company proposals for "industrial democracy", and it was these proposals which yesterday's meeting approved with an overwhelming vote.

Mr Wright said he could see no effective obstacles to rapid progress on the proposals and thought the joint bodies would be in operation by the late autumn. But just in case they do not match up to the union's expectations they have left themselves an escape route. The whole system will be reviewed at the end of one year.

Strikers to meet: Hopes for an end to a six-week-old pay dispute, which has made nearly 17,000 Leyland car workers idle and is costing daily production losses of more than £2m worth of cars, hang on a mass meeting today of the 800 men on strike at Hemel Hempstead, one of the company's key component plants.

When the strikers met a week ago there was a majority of only seven votes for continuing the stoppage. The company hopes that today the vote may swing the other way, although the deadlock over the pay issue remains.

£21m state investment in upgraded RB211

By Arthur Reed

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said in the Commons yesterday that the Government was prepared to put a total of more than £21m into developing the Rolls-Royce RB 211 engine for use in the Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

In June he announced that the Government was prepared to fund the development of the 524 version of the 211 for the jumbo, but this is the first time firm figures have been put on the cost.

The Government will contribute £8.3m towards the cost of applying the British engine to the 747—now powered by American-made engines—and will make available on request a further £600,000 for certification work.

In addition, it will contribute a further £12.3m for a programme to develop the RB 211 from 50,000lb of thrust to 53,000lb.

These sums are in addition to a total of £26.3m being provided by the Government to develop the 524 version of the 211 for a longer-range Lockheed TriStar airbus.

"As in the case of the development of the 211-524 for TriStar, direct government contributions are recoverable by a levy on engine sales", Mr Varley said yesterday.

In all future purchases by British Airways, jumbo jets are to be powered by Rolls-Royce engines instead of the American Pratt & Whitney JT9D. Boeing and Rolls are confident that a number of other airlines will order the version fitted with British engines.

Post Office stands by higher tariffs despite plea for £200m savings

By Malcolm Brown

The Post Office made it clear yesterday that it was prepared to fight to the last ditch to get its proposed postal and telephone tariff increases.

Sir William Ryland, the corporation's chairman, who said that the Post Office was at crisis point, left no doubt that he was repudiating—politely but firmly—the greater part of *the recommendations put forward* earlier in the day by the Post Office Users' National Council.

The council, in what its chairman, Lord Peddie, said was the most damaging report the council had ever presented, rejected the corporation's proposed increases.

Its report has gone to Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, who is expected to call the corporation in for talks as soon as the Price Commission has given its verdict on the proposed increases.

The Post Office has asked for a rise in the first-class postal rate to 8½p and in the second-class rate to 6½p. It also wants the minimum cost of a dialled telephone call to be increased to 3p a unit.

Yesterday the council said it could not accept such increases. It recommended no increase in seond-class letters, 1p on first-class mail and 2.2p for the minimum cost of a dialled call.

It also called for an independent review of the Post Office's structure, organization and services.



Sir William Ryland yesterday: determined to show a profit.

Lord Peddie said he hoped the recommendations would be accepted as a constructive contribution towards solving the corporation's problems.

"We don't think the solution can be found simply by stepping up the prices continuously", he said, adding that eventually one came up against the problem of the price elasticity of the service. The council believes that the Post Office may have seriously underestimated the amount by which postal traffic could be expected to fall off as a result of the proposed increases.

The council calculates that its own proposals would reduce the burden of increased charges by about two-thirds, cutting £200m off the £300m additional revenue which the corporation is seeking in the second half.

This £200m cut, it is suggested, would be financed from three main sources. The Government should take over responsibility for the £90m annual charge which the Post Office is obliged to hand over to the Post Office pension fund; a further £80m would be saved if the telecommunications side of the corporation agreed to break even in 1975-76 instead of aiming for a profit of 2 per cent of turnover on inland services. A further £30m could be added to the existing cost-reduction target.

Sir William welcomed the council's support for the Post Office over the question of the pension fund deficit.

He was clearly not convinced by the council's arguments on its pricing proposals.

On the suggestion that the corporation should not attempt this year to make a profit on telecommunications, Sir William said that last year the Post Office had been slapped in the face for making losses, now it was being kicked in the pants for making a profit.

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Fresh fears for sterling as the dollar rides high

By Tim Congdon

Sterling fell to its lowest point against the dollar yesterday. It closed at $2.1275, down from $2.1415 on Tuesday's close and more than 4 cents down compared to last Wednesday.

But selling pressure was not heavy. Dealers said that the market was thin and price movements tended to be exaggerated. The fall occurred mainly in the afternoon and the rate was steady from about 4.30 pm. There was little trading at the $2.1275 rate.

Nevertheless, other financial markets became worried about the weakness of the pound. Fears of a rise in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate on Friday were expressed, particularly in the gilt-edged market. Prices of long-dated gilt-edged securities slipped back ½ or ¾ point in the afternoon, in addition to ¼ point losses sustained in the morning.

The pound's fall against the dollar has been shared with other currencies. The dollar's strength is attributable partly to the turnround in the United States balance of payments and partly to a recent tightening of monetary policy by America's Federal Reserve.

The United States Treasury bill rate—*an important pointer* to monetary conditions—rose again this week which unsettled the gilt-edged market on Tuesday and encouraged talk of higher prime rates.

Considerable uncertainty surrounds the Bank of England's response. Some analysts consider that the Bank will raise interest rates to keep the pound competitive.

Foreign exchange dealers said yesterday that the thinness of the market would have enabled the Bank to stabilize the rate quite easily by small intervention. But the Bank refrained from supporting the pound.

Some market sources have suggested the possibility that the Bank is aiming for an effective depreciation rate at a particular level, 27½ per cent being the most commonly quoted figure.

SC criticizes 'negative attitude' ver 2,500 Scottish jobs reprieve

Peter Hill
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and and Wales, the jobs of
0 workers—including 6,000
at Shotton in North Wales—
were saved.

Speaking against the background of the government-inspired reprieve for 16,000 jobs, Sir Monty Finniston, the BSC chairman, said: "Our competitive position cannot be improved relative to our rivals in Europe and elsewhere so long as we are carrying too many men and if we do not have modern equipment."

He attacked the closure review as a "negative attitude" towards the corporation's development programme and stressed that it was essential to have modern equipment to effect cost economies and produce the required qualities of steel.

"You cannot do this just by deferring closures and you must replace those plants by new equipment."

The BSC chief was clearly disappointed at the Government's failure to pronounce on the fate of the steelmaking plant at Shotton.

Closure of this plant, where 6,000 jobs are at stake, has already been deferred to 1980-81 and the Government, in reaching its decision, is clearly worried about the impact of a closure decision in view of the lack of alternative employment in the area.

The state undertaking wants to concentrate steelmaking at Port Talbot and retain Shotton as a major steel-finishing plant. Sir Monty underlined his concern at Whitehall reluctance to reach a decision on Shotton.

Details of the Scottish review were given in the Commons by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry. In all but three cases the corporation has agreed to defer planned closures which mainly affect open-hearth steelmaking plants, while it is also to make substantial investment in Scotland.

The new investment will generate an estimated 3,525 jobs, and the rephasing of closures will lead to a net loss over the next few years of 2,100 instead of the 4,600 expected.

Going part of the way, page 16

Signor Carli attacks reflation package

From John Earle
Rome, Aug 6

Signor Guido Carli, outgoing governor of the Bank of Italy, today criticized the government's 3,500,000m lire (about £2,400m) reflationary package for the economy. The only features with which he agreed, he said in a *L'Espresso* interview, were provisions to stimulate exports.

Last week Signor Ugo la Malfa, Deputy Prime Minister, told parliament of a series of measures to be finalized later this week. Besides additional concessional financing for exports, these will involve putting funds into sectors such as public works, housing, and transport.

Signor Carli dismissed this package as the usual measures the government took every time the economy faltered. "More fantasy and greater courage were required", he said. "Above all, it would have been necessary to modify the structures, instead of giving a little more money for building, a little more for public works, a little more for the railways."

The package meant that creeping inflation was the only hope for overcoming the present crisis and then, when the funds allocated were spent — if they ever were spent—the country would be up against the balance of payments problem again.

Signor Carli saw the present improvement in the balance of payments as a result, almost entirely, of the low volume of imports. This followed the low level of production which, when it picked up, might bring a return to alarming deficits.

In general, he regarded the country as following a process of "accelerated economic decadence" which began in 1968-69.

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Argentina to renegotiate $10,000m foreign debt

Argentina is planning to renegotiate its $10,000m (about £4,856m) of foreign debt, Señor Pedro Bannani, the economy minister, said yesterday in Buenos Aires.

He disclosed that Argentina was committed to paying about $3,000m this year to service its foreign debt, and that the country was looking for "new sources" of credit to strengthen the economy.

He emphasized that Argentina would not suffer an "economic collapse", and said that *an emergency economic programme* would soon be announced.

International bankers have become increasingly reluctant to lend to Argentina, however, although they put up at least $470m last year. Plans for a $250m syndicated loan from a syndicate led by First National City Bank which was conditional upon various internal measures, now appear unlikely to mature.

There is also some doubt whether a smaller loan under negotiation from a syndicate led by Lloyds Bank International will go ahead.

It is believed that in July, for the first time, Argentina began to use a standby credit facility arranged in 1972 with banks in Europe and the United States.

A condition of the facility was that it could be used only when the International Monetary Fund had reported that Argentina's national net assets had sunk to a certain low level.

Bonn-Saudi economic talks 'a success'

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Aug 6

The joint West German-Saudi Arabian economic commission wound up its first two-day meeting in Bonn today with both sides hailing it as a success.

Apart from an agreement under which Saudi Arabia will *recruit 150 German teachers* specializing in commerce and agriculture, the meeting did not lead to any specific contracts or deals.

Dr Detlev Rohwedder, State Secretary at the Bonn Economics Ministry, told journalists, however, that the talks had achieved practical steps in developing economic cooperation between the two countries.

The Saudi Arabian government is introducing a $142,000m (about £65,000m), five-year development plan from the beginning of next year and the meeting, which was also attended by businessmen from both countries, discussed how German industry and commerce could participate.

Saudi Arabia is offering considerable investment incentives to encourage foreign participation in joint manufacturing ventures.

Receiver now holds key to NVT factory closures

By Our Midland
Industrial Correspondent

Norton Villiers Triumph announced last night that after its application to the courts, the Official Receiver had been appointed provisional liquidator of its subsidiary Norton Villiers Ltd, based on the group's Wolverhampton motor cycle factory.

Mr Dennis Poore, NVT chairman, said later: "We have already been giving him some of the facts and it is now up to him." The Wolverhampton factory is understood to have outstanding debts of about £2m.

With the advent of the Official Receiver it is difficult to see how Mr Poore can hope to retain full flexibility in choosing which of his two factories to close. The future of Wolverhampton would seem to be as firmly in the hands of the Receiver as in Mr Poore's.

It may have been the delay in appointing a liquidator which Mr Poore referred to when he said he could only give the unions two or three days in which to accept his one-factory rescue plan for NVT.

The 3,000-strong work force at Wolverhampton and Small Heath are united in their demands for retention of both factories. The 1,350 men employed at Wolverhampton are expected to stage a sit-in when they return from holiday on Monday.

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Profit before tax	5,344,944	5,476,771
Taxation.....	2,838,529	3,255,890
Profit after tax...	2,506,415	2,220,881
Earnings per share	138 cents	123 cents
Dividends per share	50 cents	40½ cents

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EEC warning to America against car tax threat

From David Cross
Brussels, Aug 6

The European Economic Community has acted to forestall protectionist measures by the United States Government against imports of European cars.

Under pressure from American trade unions, the United States Treasury is studying the case for introducing compensatory taxes on foreign car sales. But the EEC Commission has warned the State Department that any such move would infringe the anti-dumping code drawn up under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

It has also pointed out that protectionist measures at this stage could hamper the multilateral trade talks being conducted in Geneva.

In support of its case, the Commission outlines three legal arguments against the introduction of an anti-dumping case under Gatt rules.

It points out that there has been no request from American manufacturers for such action and that the interests of American manufacturers are not being harmed by European exports because the former are not competing in the small car end of the market.

The final point is that it is impossible to calculate alleged underselling by European car manufacturers at a time when there are fluctuations in the dollar and other currency exchange rates.

The complaint is now in the hands of the American Treasury Department which has to decide whether a case exists for the introduction of anti-dumping measures.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 120.94—0.29
The FT index: 287.2—2.4

Rises

Aust & NZ	7p to 347p	Unilever	2p to 326p
Basset, G.	4p to 62p	GEC	1p to 118p
BP	3p to 473p	Glynwed	5p to 65p
Brit Sugar	5p to 325p	Plessey	1p to 67p
Com Union	3p to 144p	Slater Walker	1p to 63p
CCH Inv	2p to 18p	Shell	1p to 288p
Cornercroft	2p to 27p	Sena Sugar	1p to 12p

Falls

Beecham Group	2p to 268p	Grootviel	8p to 262p
Brit Am Tob	8p to 277p	Oxley Printing	1p to 8p
Cumulus	2p to 19p	Reliance Knit	1p to 11p
Distillers	1p to 107p	Spooner Ind	2p to 20p
Denbyware	5p to 85p	Tube Invest	6p to 226p
GKN	2p to 202p	Welkom	5p to 400p
Gillett Bros	5p to 145p	York Trailer	3p to 27p

Sterling fell by 140 points to $2.1275. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.2 per cent.
Gold declined by 87.5 cents to $164.875.
SDR-$ was 1.19263 on Wednesday while SDR-£ was 0.558609.

Equities turned lower.
Gilt-edged securities were unsettled by the fall in sterling.
Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,146.3 yesterday (1,153.3 on Tuesday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.70	1.65
Austria Sch	39.75	37.75
Belgium Fr	86.25	83.50
Canada $	2.25	2.20
Denmark Kr	12.90	12.50
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.95
France Fr	9.50	9.20
Germany DM	5.60	5.40
Greece Dr	69.75	67.50
Hongkong $	11.05	10.65
Italy Lr	1515.00	1460.00
Japan Yn	655.00	630.00
Netherlands Gld	5.75	5.55
Norway Kr	11.80	11.45
Portugal Esc	56.00	54.00
S Africa Rd	1.84	1.75
Spain Pes	126.50	121.50
Sweden Kr	9.35	9.05
Switzerland Fr	5.85	5.65
US $	2.18	2.13
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.50	36.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Glynwed in a cleft stick

Glynwed's anodyne comments on its financial position have for some time now been much more relevant to its position than any trading figures; and the report for the six months to end-June marks no break in the pattern. The pre-tax profits total was very much in line with most expectations, with the group losing out on steel stockholding even though it benefited by comparison with a period affected by the three-day week in most of the other sectors in which it operates.

The outlook for the remainder of the year is none too cheerful, with the building and consumer products divisions by no means buoyant and the steel rerolling business set to feel the draught of competition. Still, the group is looking for £10.5m for the year—as against £15.7m last time—and that, given the problems besetting the industries for which it manufacturers, is no cause for dissatisfaction.

More significant for the share price is the fact that the interim dividend has been held and the directors have forecast a maintained final: so the yield with the shares at 65p is just under 15 per cent. The cover should be adequate but will not be lavish, and cash flow is obviously due to come sharply back this year. With inflation at current rates pushing up working capital requirements by something in excess of £10m per annum, and the admittedly modest capital commitments still to be met, it looks as though Glynwed must see its borrowings rise again by the year end—or indulge in some form of equity financing.

For a company with Glynwed's yield, however, equity financing through, for example, a rights issue, is going to come extremely expensive; and in any case the market capitalization would appear to preclude the group from raising more than, say, one year's working capital requirement. Glynwed in fact finds itself in a cleft stick: unless trading conditions improve sufficiently to send its shares ahead, the group will not be able to raise new equity on attractive terms: and unless it can raise new equity it risks being unable to take full advantage of an improvement in trading conditions when it emerges.

Glynwed's answer is to trim back its less profitable business, its working capital requirements and, if necessary, its operations: hence the closure and imminent sale of the Greenford plant. There is scope for more of this, but how much more is problematical. The other alternative is to use equity to take over an asset rich turn around situation. Until the financing dilemma is resolved, the shares provide a short-term trading opportunity only.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £30.3m
Sales £103.6m (£107.4m)
Pre-tax profits £5.29m (£8.45m)
Dividend gross 3.8p (3.66p)

Gilts

Straws in the wind

Now that gilts have got over their initial joyous response to the £6 limit on pay rises, the news the market is waiting for is the first real sign that public spending, and hence the borrowing requirement, is being brought to heel. Significantly, however, Tuesday's moves to impose a standstill on local authority spending next year had no impact, the emphasis still being focussed on the short-end of the market where the deteriorating sterling/dollar exchange rate is again raising talk—if not yet with much conviction—of another possible rise in minimum lending rate.

The perspective is probably right. The abandoning of next year's growth target of 1¼ per cent in real terms in local authority expenditure is estimated in the market to be worth no more than about £150m. And the saving is, in any case, largely illusory since the reason for the cut back is that the money has already been spent this year.

In short, while it is gratifying to see a determination not to allow future expenditure to exceed projections, the Government is at the same time acknowledging how far this year's expenditure has got out of hand. Such measures must, of course, form an essential part of any programme to reassure investors at home and abroad that spending is coming under control, but it will clearly take much more than this to make a real impression. Meanwhile, today will tell us just how much enthusiasm there is for the new, long "tap".

Babcock & Wilcox

Money from the Middle East

Babcock & Wilcox has now invested the $59.6m net proceeds from the sale of its 25 per cent stake in Deutsche Babcock in the Euro-dollar market, to yield just under 7 per cent. That may look nothing special until it is compared with the yield of 2.6 per cent, which last year's dividends of DM4.65m from Deutsche Babcock represents on the sale price of DM178.3m received for the stake from the Iranian Government.

Admittedly, the DM280 a share which Babcock & Wilcox was offered in April was at a modest premium over the then market price (though it has since moved up to DM330) so the true yield on the old investment would have to be adjusted upwards slightly. Even so it is obvious enough just how meagre Babcock's return on its German investment had become as the market value of the quoted Deutsche Babcock has grown.

For the remaining major shareholders in Deutsche Babcock, such as the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft Frankfurter Bank, that yield may be acceptable—German dividend policy is distinctly cautious by United Kingdom standards—and Iran will no doubt regard its investment as having strategic value in developing its own economy. But by comparison with Babcock & Wilcox's overall return on capital employed of 15.86 per cent last year—which is fairly good for a heavy engineer—the potential of proceeds of the Deutsche Babcock stake is clear enough. Almost certainly the proceeds will ultimately be invested in a United States acquisition, where accounting techniques, unlike those in Germany, allow meaningful consolidation of associates. Meanwhile, seeing the way the dollar has strengthened against the Deutsch Mark recently, Babcock was clearly wise to take its money in United States dollars.

Slater, Walker

Loan stock considerations

Now that The Stock Exchange has satisfied itself that there was no breach of the Yellow Book regulations when Slater, Walker came out with an offer for the holders of its four loan stocks after buying them in the market over a considerable period of time, stock holders have to satisfy themselves on the merit of the proposals. Not that they need be too speedy in doing so, since although the extraordinary general meeting at which the proposals are to be passed—or not—is to be held on August 13, the offers remain open for acceptance—and indeed for revision by Slater, Walker—until September 30.

Various points have already been made upon the value of the offers—that the quality of the new loan stock to be issued, for example, is lower than that of those which it replaces because the borrowing requirements are less stringent, and that stock holders are being asked to take a small improvement in income in lieu of the substantial capital gain which they might have expected when the existing stocks reach maturity. Slater, Walker considers that the former is merely a function of the tidying up exercise, and that the latter is a matter on which stock holders are perfectly capable of making an individual commercial decision.

Fair enough: but stockholders should also make a commercial decision upon the following point. Slater, Walker's existing loan stocks are priced as high as they are in part because Slater, Walker has been buying them in; and while they stand at less than par the group gains in terms of shareholders' funds by so doing. The new loan stock, however, is to be issued at par; and at par there is no advantage to Slater, Walker in buying it. So although the group may well be a force to support the price of any of the old stock left outstanding, the new stock holders will have no such market advantage.

York Trailer

An export stabilizer

Deepening recession, intensified competition and, thus, only minor price adjustments, have led to strong pressure on margins at York Trailer. Profits slumped 22 per cent on a slight sales increase in the first half to the end of June.

Despite the poor state of the haulage industry at home, the export market was healthier, and sales here accounted for half total turnover. Nevertheless, York had to rely on finding new overseas markets—the USSR and the Middle East, for instance—rather than relying on the EEC countries.

York now reckons that the home market for trailers has contracted by 40 per cent, but even so has managed to push up its share of the reduced market by a couple of points to about 28 per cent. But to do this, and to bring in overseas orders, it has had to keep prices down and absorb increased costs.

There is unlikely to be any upturn before next year. Meanwhile, it has had a welcomed boost from increased stock relief—about £600,000—which has virtually eliminated short-term borrowings. Despite this relatively sound background the shares shed 3p to 27p. On estimated profits for the full year down to around £1.1m, the p/e ratio of 5 and yield of 10 per cent, assuming a maximum dividend increase, is in step with uncertainties over the next 12 months.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £2.92m
Sales £9.04m (£8.96m)
Pre-tax profits £605,000 (£778,000)
Dividend gross 1.03p (0.937p)

Going part of the way on steel plant closures



Ingot moulding at the BSC's Anchor project at Scunthorpe.

Peter Hill

It is now some two and a half years since the British Steel Corporation, then under the direction of the late Lord Melchett, laid bare its plans for a brave new world of British steelmaking. The development programme was shaped very much by the present incumbent of the chairman's seat, Sir Monty Finniston, when he was the nationalized undertaking's chief executive.

It was an explosive document. It envisaged the spending of £3,000m over a 10-year period and the closure of old and uneconomic plants, with the consequential loss of thousands of jobs but a sharp improvement in capacity to between 36 million and 38 million tonnes of steel in the early 1980s.

It was inevitable that the translation of such a scheme into reality would be difficult, but perhaps not so fraught with problems as the corporation has encountered.

In May last year Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, as Secretary of State for Industry, threw a large spanner into the steelworks when he announced that the corporation's plant closure programme was to be frozen, pending a thorough review by the Minister's colleague, Lord Beswick, of each closure proposal.

All interested parties, MPs, local authorities, trade unionists, works councils and the BSC at national and local level, were involved in a series of tripartite meetings to determine which plants should close, which closures should be permitted and which should be deferred.

Beswick "mark one", as the first report has been dubbed, reflected the former Secretary of State's concern that the corporation should "justify its proposals in the light of its social responsibilities". In essence the interim report on closures—which dealt largely with works in England and Wales—entailed the reprieve of 13,500 steel jobs as a result of the BSC's agreement to defer proposed closures for between two and four years.

As part of the first stage of the review the BSC also agreed to postpone closure of steelmaking plant at Shotton in North Wales, originally scheduled for 1976-78, to 1980-81, pending further evaluation of new steelmaking investment there. Thus 6,000 workers gained a breathing space in which to pursue their argument that the plant, with one of the best records of industrial relations and productivity inside the BSC, should be retained for an investment of £130m.

The Shotton issue remains unresolved, for yesterday Beswick "mark two" appeared, dealing this time with the closures planned for Scotland. The earliest that the threatened steelworkers at Shotton can expect an announcement of their future now looks like being the autumn.

As for the Scottish closures, the threat of which generated much acrimony between the corporation and the Scottish trade unions in view of the serious unemployment situation in Scotland's steelmaking belt, the outcome represents yet another compromise from the "finally agreed" development programme of February, 1973.

True, the diligent Lord Beswick has accepted the corporation's case for the closure of outdated open-hearth steelmaking at Clydebridge, Dalziel, Ravenscraig and Glangarnock; the shut down of the Clydebridge slabbing mill and the primary rolling mill at Glengarnock; the closure of the light section and bar mills at Dalziel; and the phasing out of ironmaking at Clyde Iron works. He has also accepted the closure of one or two other works, but with the exception of three works (out of a total of twelve affected) the BSC has agreed to defer closures for between one and four years.

The corporation has also agreed to implement a number of new investments which in total will involve nearly £200m (about half of the investment planned for Scotland in the 1973 development programme).

In terms of the effect on jobs, which was a key element in the closure review concept, the outcome of the Scottish plant scrutiny provides a rather different total from the one which the BSC had set its sights on.

The number of jobs which would have been lost had the corporation gone ahead unhindered would have totalled 6,990. But because the corporation has agreed to the retention of primary and billet mills at Hallside and the Craigneuk bar mill until the 1980s—instead of beginning the rundown next year—and decided to keep open a foundry at Hamilton (pending the result of a market survey), the number of lost jobs will be 5,640.

But, on the credit side, the new investments planned by BSC in Scotland will create 3,525 new jobs, so, as Lord Beswick's arithmetic has it: "net job losses equals 5,640, less 3,525, equals 2,115."

Certainly Lord Beswick appears to have grasped the nettle so far as Scotland is concerned and appreciated that, despite the Government's natural fear of adding to the dole queues in Scotland, some reduction in the industry's labour force must be achieved if steelmaking in Scotland is to survive at all in the 1980s.

On the new investment side the two main areas of development by the BSC are at Ravenscraig and the coastal site at Hunterston. The corporation is spending £45m on a new coal and ore handling facility on the latter site (which will provide 190 jobs) and in the review is now committed to spending £55m on two 400,000 tonnes a year capacity plants for the production of iron by means of the direct reduction of iron ore.

These plants will create 150 jobs, while a further 280 will be created through an investment of between £35-£40m on an electric arc furnace and continuous casting plant at Hunterston.

As Lord Beswick noted, the continuous casting venture is an earnest of the corporation's intention to develop Hunterston into a major integrated steelworks complex over the next few years (although not at this stage as part of the 10 year programme) after its purchase of 1,300 acres of land on the site last year.

At Ravenscraig, which is to be one of the main complexes within the BSC, up to £20m will be spent on a new electric arc furnace (creating 50 jobs), while expansion of basic oxygen steelmaking there will generate a further 1,500 jobs. Another £25m will be spent on developing pipeworks—geared to the offshore oil and gas industry—at Clydesdale, near Motherwell, and the Imperial Works at Coatbridge, providing a net gain of 450 jobs.

BSC is also being obliged to spend about £1m on what Lord Beswick accepts are obsolescent special steels plants at Hallside and Craigneuk and a further £1-£2m on increasing the capacity of the Hallside electric arc furnace.

With the Scottish review out of the way, BSC and Sir Monty, beset as they are with short-term problems and the prospect of a huge financial loss in the current year, might be able to see their future more clearly. But major questions still have to be resolved.

The sensitive question of Shotton steelmaking, vis à vis the expansion of steelmaking at Port Talbot, is one of them, along with the resolution of the proposed closure of plate mills at Hartlepool and Consett on the north-east coast, both of which are linked with the BSC's plans for a major plate mill development at Redcar.

Over the next four years the BSC is budgeting to spend more than £1,500m in its development programme, although the 10-year overall cost has now risen from the original £3,000m to not far short of £5,000m, and it is beginning to look very much more like a modernization programme rather than an expansion programme. No longer is there talk of 36 to 38 million tonnes annual capacity, but rather about 30 million tonnes by the early part of the next decade—about 4 million tonnes more than the present nominal capacity.

Despite the newly won flexibility to run down the labour force to alleviate its short-term problems—although the scheme worked out with unions has not been working very effectively—BSC looks like arriving at the end of its 10-year development strategy with an over-sized labour force.

Ross Davies

Tempered euphoria over women's year

The Role of Women in the Economy, a new study from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, strikes a discordant note amid the mutual admiration to which governments have been lending themselves during International Women's Year.

The study, which summarizes the experience of 10 industrialized member countries, suggests that governments are:

- Readier to frame than to enforce anti-discrimination laws.
- Willing to bend the law where this will persuade multinationals to set up shop.
- Operating outdated protective legislation—like the Factories Acts—which may now be restricting women's job chances.

Reports were sent in from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Sweden and the United States, and summarized by Martha Darling of the Battelle Institute.

A surprising omission is that of the United Kingdom, where on December 29 the Equal Pay Act 1970 comes into force. This requires that women shall be paid the same as men where they do work that is the same or of a broadly similar nature or, where different, has been rated as of equal worth by job valuation.

Furthermore, it is planned to bring into force on the same date the employment provisions of the Sex Discrimination Bill, under which women are required to be given equal treatment in hiring, training and promotion.

The reason for the British absence, according to OECD's Paris office, seems to be that the Department of Employment was unable to submit its report in time. Yet, even if the report had arrived and given the background of the new legislation, it is a matter of opinion whether British performance would have seemed impressive.

The United States, for example, prohibited discrimination in employment on sex as well as colour grounds in 1964 and the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 brought both public employers and small private employers within the net.

The OECD study, an admirably concise and comprehensive compilation, includes sections on hitherto little-explored areas such as sex-role conditioning in childhood. It shows how the increase in the number of jobs in the service sector over the past 10 years or so has been accompanied by an increase in the numbers of women coming onto the labour market.

In this time the proportion of married women among the female workforce has soared over the half-way mark in all the countries discussed. In the United Kingdom it is more than two-thirds and heading three-quarters.

At first, most of these were middle-class, middle women whose children grown up. Now it is wo their twenties and thirti young children, who, wh leave the place of work their children, do not ne wish to quit their jobs.

"The rising particip young married women reflects, in the U.K., that, in common belief, a gro growing number are de a highly stable attach the workforce", the asserts.

Unfortunately, the s marks, governments ha realize this and have d to help such women, unlike the older wom still have heavy commitments.

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Cigarette sales wilt under a barrage of attack

Patricia Tisdall

Tighter curbs on publicity, both statutory and voluntary, proposed by the Department of Health and Social Security yesterday come at a bad time for the tobacco industry. Sales have been drastically hit by price increases and their pattern changed by mounting anti-smoking propaganda.

Also, the financing of stocks has brought new pressure on cash flows as a consequence of higher duty rates.

The enormous size of the cigarette market (retail sales are worth nearly £2,000m a year in the United Kingdom), and its complexity, with seven separate price categories, mean that overall trends are slow to emerge. Nevertheless, there are unmistakable signs that smoking is on the decrease.

This year, for the first time, the normal optimism of the manufacturers was dented by an unprecedented 20 per cent drop in sales immediately after the Budget. The manufacturers were taken by surprise by the magnitude of the dip which threw stock levels throughout the distribution chain into chaos for several weeks.

A measure of the disruption was the extreme step which was taken by the manufacturers, of introducing short-time working to correct it.

In previous years falls in sales after budget price increases were neither so steep nor so prolonged. In 1974, for example, despite the biggest—to date—duty increase imposed in the March Budget, the number of cigarettes smoked in Britain was almost the same as in 1973.

In terms of weight of tobacco smoked consumption dropped by only 1.5 per cent.

Apart from the size of the duty increases, which added 23 per cent to the average price of a packet of 20 cigarettes, several factors are involved in the exceptional market reaction this year. The budget increase was widely expected and, as a result, retailer and consumer stocks were abnormally high. This helped to confuse the real consumption trends and only now, when stocks have been absorbed, is a true picture of user reaction starting to appear.

Manufacturers' sales are estimated at about 10 per cent below the equivalent period last year. According to a spokesman for one of the leading manufacturers and to projections by the Commonwealth Secretariat, they are unlikely to recover by the end of the year.

Between 1950 and this year the retail price of 20 standard filter cigarettes has almost trebled from 14.6p to 41.6p. Of the increase about 20.5p is accounted for by duty increases and about 6½p by manufacturers' increases. But price, although important, is not the only contributor to the decline in sales.

The ill-effects on health of smoking were luridly demonstrated in a television programme *Dying for a Fag*, which was screened shortly before the Budget. If only because of its timing, the two-part programme is believed to have had an appreciable impact, taken in conjunction with the price increases, in making many more smokers attempt to break the habit.

Gallup Poll survey commissioned by Thames Television in conjunction with the programme showed that 40 per cent of British adults were smokers and 65 per cent of these had already tried to give it up. The resolution to succeed this year has been helped by a gradual reversal in social attitudes over the past 10 years or so.

The trend is led by doctors and more and more professional and middle class people in the upper age and salary brackets. Until this year the numbers were more than compensated for by growing numbers of women smokers and young people. But gradually, the rising pressure from the anti-smoking lobbies is starting to have its effect.

More predictable than the steep drop in sales after the Budget has been the shift between the cigarette size factors. Precise market figures have not yet been calculated, but it is clear that there has been a move away from larger cigarettes and non-tipped varieties as smokers "trade down" in an attempt to compensate for the price increases.

Imps, which pioneered a new small-size category which now accounts for about 22 per cent of total sales, when it launched Players' No 6 with coupons in the early 1960s, stands to benefit most from the trend. But other manufacturers have been quick to react.

A month after the Budget, Carreras Rothmans, which has its main strength in the now vulnerable king-size sector, launched three new smaller cigarettes under the existing brand names of Guards, Piccadilly and Consulate.

Gallagher has already spread its net under the Benson and Hedges names across most of the small-sized categories with brands like B & H Sovereign and Silk Cut.

On the smoking and health front it is too soon to know whether there has been any greater shift towards the brands with a lower tar content. Since the publication of tar and nicotine tables in 1973 these brands have been associated with intensive marketing activity, but by the end of last year they accounted for only about 6 per cent of sales, although they absorbed about 30 per spending on mass me advertising.

The new restriction licity, despite the view Dr David Owen, M State at the Depar Health, are likely no to affect overall co as to inhibit movemen brands. The man point out that after t television commerc cigarettes in 1965 th tion of the population cigarettes actually ro per cent and stayed this higher level for years.

Equally, throughout and 1960s, when a expenditure rose ste proportion of smoke population held r steady.

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Extra restrictions city, however, will make the introductio brands more difficult an effect which may wholly desirable to smoking lobby becau delay the switch to n dangerous, filter an brands.

Stemer advertising tions also increase against new entran outside gaining a s foothold in the Unit dom market. Prospec comers include Amer Continental brands w the sidelines for a c the method of tax coll give their products advantage.

One category of will be cigarettes usi synthetic tobaccos. T big tobacco compa Britain. Imperial Gallaher and Carrer mans, have all, in co with leading chemical like ICI, Courtaulds American Celanese tion, been investigat possibilities of synthetic for many years.

Their marketing pla an advanced stage. Tobacco, for example, i ing to start production £13m factory in Ayrsh next year. Consequent probably only a m months before cigaret taining substitute undergo serious test under guidelines recom by the Hunter Commit

But, because of the slow-moving nature market, it could be ma before they are fully as a substitute by Without special disp the task of introducing cigarettes will be ma difficult by extra res on publicity.

Business Diary: In hucksterposition • Lord Jim

There is nothing that motor and advertising men like more than to be presented by a manufacturer with a nice attractive label for the latest car. But when two manufacturers insist on attaching the same label, then there's trouble.

For some time, Ford have claimed that their Escort is the biggest seller in Western Europe. It was a claim which no one challenged and so it was repeated ad nauseam by motoring correspondents.

Last month, however, Volkswagen GB began insisting that their new Golf had overtaken the Escort and was now the proud possessor of the Best Seller title.

Back came Ford with a mass of "confidential statistics" intended to show that in May and June the Escort was the market leader by between 2,000 to 3,000 units a month.

Warming up to the game, Business Diary went back to VW for their comments. Yesterday a rather embarrassed VW press representative came on the phone to admit that after Telexing around the Wolfsburg giant's European subsidiaries he had to admit that there had been "an unfortunate oversight" and the Escort had indeed out-sold the Golf in May and June.

But he hastened to add that it was a different picture if you took the figures for the whole of the first six months. "Then the Golf out-sold the Escort by around 16,000 units", he said.

"Oh I say", the Ford man said, "that's a bit naughty isn't it? The new Escort was only launched in February and didn't get into its stride until April. We are talking about the present position and they know it."

As some European markets are as much as six months late in publishing their official new car registrations there is no means of checking the claims made by either side, which are based on confidential sales returns.

But the final word must go to the British Leyland executive busy launching his company's latest "Super Dealer" sales campaign. "They are both a bloody pain in the neck to me and I couldn't care which is top of the pile."

At his post

For Lord Peddie, Canute-like trying to stem the rising tide of Post Office price increases, the next year should prove something of a climacteric.

He has to see whether a new minister, Eric Varley, will respond any differently from his predecessors to the Post Office Users National Council recommendations for alternative financing and reduced increases.

Second, the progress—or otherwise—of the corporation in the next year should demonstrate the justice of his recent suggestion that the nationalized industries may now be operating at price levels above the ability of demand to catch up.

Lord Peddie has been in the chair at POUNC ever since its establishment in 1969, the year the Post Office was reconstituted as a public corporation. As a lifelong proponent of public enterprise it must gall him to look on as the Post Office flounders from one mess to another.

He had been a member of the Consumer Council, which at the time of its premature death had investigated nationalized industry performance. Some might argue that Lord Peddie should have been given a chance to switch from poacher to gamekeeper, putting into practice his counter-theories on how the Post Office should be run.

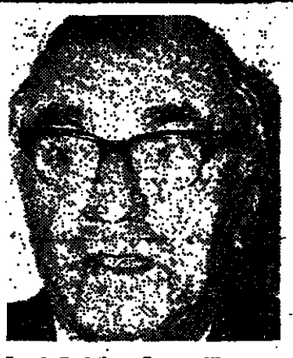
As a member, and later chairman, of the old Prices and Incomes Board, Lord Peddie was a controversial choice even for the POUNC chairmanship. The PIB's detailed studies of nationalized industry costs, efficiency and prices did much to steal the thunder of the users' councils.

Under him relationships between the council, the corporation and ministers of the day have been anything but cosy. He has, in his time, recommended the breaking of the corporation's monopoly both of the sale of stamps and of telephone supply.

Lord, or Jim Peddie, as he was before his ennoblement in 1961 came up through the Co-op. In the 1950s he emerged as an apostle of the Co-operative Party independence of the Labour whip, although he later came to believe in closer links between the two parties.

In 1957 he became the first director of the Co-op to chair the Co-op Party for 40 years.

Having appeared to make a career out of being indigestible, Lord Peddie joined with Lord Brockway in wearing suits to the 1965 opening of Parliament. They said they thought it "undemocratic" that peers should have to acquire the traditional ermine robes.



Lord Peddie: Canute-like.

This was also the year he relinquished his party chairmanship to become a full-time PIB member. He became chairman in the last days of that body after Aubrey Jones had been deposed by the incoming Tory government—by which time POUNC had beckoned.

Midi lengths

A key figure behind the rampaging Midi winegrowers who have been blocking French roads and railways taking holidaymakers to the south is Emmanuel Maffre-Baugé, the 55-year-old president of the French Federation of Table Wine Growers.

Maffre-Baugé owns about 10 hectares (about 25 acres) of vineyards, making him the biggest proprietor in Belarga, a village near Montpelier. He has been calling the shots for a motley army of 145,000 Midi winegrowers, more than half of whom are peasants who work on bigger farms while tending their own small vineyards.

Maffre-Baugé has been attacking, in the gravelly-toned French of his region, the Brussels policies which mean Italian wines pouring into France at 75 centimes a litre, while the poorer quality French wines are lucky to sell at 86 centimes.

"We want a reform of the EEC regulations and we accept strict control of our production levels and acreage as part of that reform, provided the Italians do the same," he declares.

"But if the French government does not now take care and fails to do something for the winegrowers by October, Paris risks having to use the kind of repression which will not be tolerated in a country like France."

Maffre-Baugé has been attacking President Giscard d'Estaing's agricultural minister as "the most pig-headed Minister I have ever met," and has not hesitated to wave the red flag.

But—on one point Maffre-Baugé's voice is one which ought to be heeded. Concentrating too much on obtaining favourable prices for the big dairy and cereal farmers in Brussels, the French government has, for the past decade, allowed many of the Midi small winegrowers to go on overproducing already poor quality wines in a vain effort to earn themselves a living.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Motor manufacturers' retail marketing

From Mr Lionel Altman

We read the letter from Editor of the *Engineer*, on ...gust 1. We are saddened that ...rofessional journalism of the ...dard of the publishing group ...cerned should write a letter *The Times* containing state...ts which are contrary to the ...on wide evidence available.

...particular, we are most ...cerned about his unfortunate ...unhelpful remarks concern...the marketing by the retail ... of the motor industry of ...icles manufactured in the ...ted Kingdom.

...new sales campaign by a ...or manufacturer announced ...the same day that Mr ...rimer's letter was published ...n example which goes some ... to refute the charges he ...es of apathy and loss of ...amic and aggressive tech...es amongst dealers of ...ish cars.

...lany of his detailed opinions ...gesting that dealers are ...herbedded, that dealers are content to make excuses for not having a particular model in stock are not only unfair but against any evidence which any professional journalist could easily ascertain.

We would point out that the retail motor industry franchise holders are responsible for marketing all types of vehicles of all marques, wherever those particular vehicles are assembled. The paramount factor in marketing is *people*, and as in all industries, this will vary from one organization to another.

The generalizations which Mr Mortimer has seen fit to make at such a critical time in this country's and the motor industry's history do not offer any constructive and positive help. In fact, they are a catalogue of out-of-date opinions.

We do not aim to defend the indefensible, but would point out that the industry has laboured under the burdens of fiscal and monetary controls of successive governments, and that the retail side of the industry can only market the products which are produced by the manufacturers, to the best of their ability in the economic environment governing any specific time.

We are not complacent, and it is the objective of this association and others in the industry to strive consistently to improve our standards within the economic parameters decided by the government of the day.

If Mr Mortimer has any specific comments which may be helpful in improving our effectiveness on the retail side of the industry, we are here to receive these comments and to take the appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL P. ALTMAN,
President,
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London, W1.
August 1.

Amendments to Social Security Pensions Bill

From Mr Max Lander and Donald Sargent

In a letter which you published on July 29 and which quoted in the debate on the in the House of Commons Monday, we referred to a important amendment, to Social Security Pensions which was passed in the se of Lords. We urged that ...eeching like" the Lords' ...dment ("something like", ...detailed drafting is usually left to parliamentary coun...and the departments con...ed) should be retained the Bill returned to the ...e of Commons.

...hen the Lords' amendments ...e Bill were debated in the ...se of Commons, to our great ...t the amendment about ...h we were particularly con...ed did not survive: and it ...o doubt outside practical ...ics to think of its being ...rated in the Lords. But ...ything is not lost.

...e welcome the fact that in ... of the Lords' amendment, ...h provides a specific alter...e to the buy-back premium the state scheme, which we convinced will be a major ...rent to employers wishing ...ntract out, the Government accepted an amendment to ...ide for "such additional ...irements as may be pre...ed", thus leaving the way open for some as yet unspecified alternative to be prescribed.

We find some encouragement, too, in the fact that Mr O'Malley, speaking for the Government, said that he was prepared to go on talking about the problem with the pensions industry and that it was a matter of difficult technical problems rather than a matter of principle.

If the element of hope which these words hold out is to become a reality, it is essential that an acceptable alternative —within the limits we accepted in our last letter of involving no significant additional cost to the state—should be worked out as soon as possible in consultation with those involved in occupational pensions and promulgated at an early date, certainly no later than the last of the regulations, so that employers may be able to take it into account when considering whether or not to contract out.

This is a decision which is crucial to the successful achievement or otherwise of the objective, shared by the Government, the pensions industry and the employees concerned, of maintaining and if possible extending good occupational pension schemes.

Yours faithfully,
MAX LANDER,
Chairman, The National Association of Pensions Funds,
SIR DONALD SARGENT,
Chairman, The CIB Society of Pension Consultants.

£23m coal mine to be developed at Pontefract

By Ronald Kershaw

A huge new drift mine costing £23m which would produce more than a million tons of coal a year is to be developed by the National Coal Board alongside the 100-year-old Prince of Wales colliery at Pontefract, Yorkshire.

The pit will open up four new seams of coal, making an important contribution to power station supplies. Work will start before the end of the year and a five-year programme will bring the new seams into production by 1980-81, about the time that coal now being worked from the Prince of Wales will run out.

About 800 men will be employed at the new pit compared with 1,100 at the existing colliery. But Mr Michael Eaton, North Yorkshire NCB area director, pointed out that without the new investment the old colliery would close, and there would be no jobs at all.

The drift mine, which will be built from the pit yard of the existing colliery, will mean continuity of employment beyond the year 2000. The output target for the early 1980s is 1,300,000 tons a year compared with the 575,000 tons now being produced from the old mine.

A method of "in-seam retreat mining" pioneered in Yorkshire will be employed, and it is estimated that productivity will reach more than eight tons a man-shift, four times the present national average.

Coal will come from three highly mechanized faces and from nine tunnel drivages. A board spokesman said that shaft and surface installations at the existing pit were becoming outdated, and could not be effectively modernized to exploit extensive reserves of coal at rates of efficiency required for the 1980s.

To reach the Castleford 4ft seam and the Warren House seam two tunnels will be driven at a gradient of one in five for 1¼ miles, and a further 20,000 yards of tunnel drivages will open up the seams for production. Coal will travel up one of the drifts by conveyor at a rate of 1,000 tons an hour and after treatment at a new coal preparation plant will be loaded into merry-go-round trains for local power stations.

Mr Eaton said: "Looked at alongside the Selby project and other important schemes at existing collieries, this confirms the north Yorkshire area of the Yorkshire coalfield as a mainstay of coal's future in Britain. We have the modern power stations on our doorstep, we have the reserves of coal and we have the skilled managers and the men to get that coal."

How prices can mow you down

From Mr H. W. Allison

Sir, So conditioned to astronomic commodity prices have we become that the quoting of examples has long since ceased to raise as noteworthy. However, inured as I have become, a recent personal experience has shaken me out of my three-score-and-10-plus phlegmatic calm.

Three years ago last April I bought a new four-stroke petrol-engined grasscutting machine, with a 12-month full guarantee, for £244.95 (cash). The machine is a designed one which bears an internationally recognized name.

Three months ago a defect developed in the throttle control "gate" as a result of which it became no longer practicable to control the speed of the engine and this rendered the machine unmanageable. The defective component part is listed in the makers' spare parts catalogue only as an integral portion of the throttle control, so I ordered by telephone on April 26 a replacement unit.

The replacement control, comprising a simply-designed plastic "gate", a throttle-control lever consisting of a 4in length of sheet metal and a plastic knob, a 3ft 9in piece of wire cable and a bolt, nut and two washers, arrived, following several telephone calls and letters urging delivery, last week. The retail price, including VAT and postal charge, is £5.88—very nearly 25 per cent of the retail price of the complete machine when I bought it.

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Ryde, Isle of Wight.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Tobaccos dip ahead of Government statement

The weakness of the pound in the foreign exchange centres undermined stock markets at the close of yesterday's session. Equities, which had rallied after slipping lower at first, turned back again in the last hour of trading, and losses in gilt-edged were also extended in late dealings.

The fresh fall in sterling provoked rumours that MLR might be raised again on Friday.

Gilts fell back in after-hours trading on the weakness of sterling. Declines were sharpest at the longer end, in contrast to the recent tendency for the yield curve to flatten.

"Shorts" opened easier and were briefly traded at ½ point beneath overnight levels. However, they recovered and by lunchtime had wiped out the small loss. It was only in the last hour or so that losses of ¼ and 3/16 point were again recorded.

The course of today's market may well be set by the second-quarter figures from Shell, expected before midday. Analysts have upgraded their forecasts, and some are looking for net income of £125m, compared with £220m in the first quarter. Anything above this figure will be a bull point.

"Longs" also opened lower and were generally ¼ or ½ point down for most of the session. But the drop in the final hour of business was enough to leave most stocks ½ point off on the day.

Tuesday's rally in share prices ran into the ground yesterday after a warning of a standstill in local authority spending accompanied by disclosure that car sales are at a 16-year low, had cast a shadow over the outlook for company profits.

Tobacco shares were upset by predictions that the Government was about to impose strong curbs on cigarette manufacture and trading. Bats and Imps lost ground on nervous selling, and prices made no recovery after the Minister of Health had said in the Commons that the Government wanted "voluntary agreement" from the tobacco groups for stricter controls.

Bats ended 8p off at 277p, and Imps 1p lower at 62½. Selling was not on any great scale, and, of course, tobacco shares have a hard-won reputation for shaking off the worst that Governments can do or threaten to do.

Turnover remained at the low level established over the past month. But perhaps a straw in the wind was the disclosure that equity turnover rose significantly on Tuesday—to £40.1m—when the market was moving up. This tends to confirm that the institutions are unwilling to let share prices fall very far before coming in to pick up lines of leading stocks.

Changes in the market leaders were small, and the market seemed to be closing on a steadier note until the late fall in gilts pulled the rug from under equities.

ICI ended 1p off at 247p, after 249p. At 326p Unilever provided one of the firmer spots. Losses in Beecham (268p), Courtaulds (113p and Reed Int (188p) were small.

Electrical engineering issues held on as the recoveries chalked up on Tuesday, with share prices helped once again by shortage of stock in this sector. Both GEC (118p), and Plessey (67p) were able to close firmly, against the trend of the rest of the market.

But Tube Investments (226p) and GKN (202p) remained under the cloud formed by a recent "bear" circular from a leading stockbroker. Hawker Siddeley held steady at 254p, but Vickers (119p) ended a shade easier on the day.

Losses of a few pence were recorded by the major stores, where Marks & Spencer closed at 94p, Great Universal Stores "A" at 149p and Boots at 101p. A good feature in stores once again was Debenhams (67p), still benefiting from market optimism for the trading outlook.

On the company news front, Hollis Brothers were a poor spot, falling to 39p (after 38p).

Support for shares in Central Manufacturing and Trading Group (67p) seems to be waning after suggestions that LCP Holdings shareholders are unhappy with the prospect of dilution of their assets. Intervention by GKN can apparently be ruled out.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)		Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ailsa Inv (25p)	Fin	2.05	2.09	—	3.45	3.49
Jas Austin Steel (25p)	Fin	2.37	2:0	13/10	4.37	3.5
Britannic Assur. (5p)	Int	2:94	2:94	1/10	—	7.0
City of Lon. Brwy. (25p)	Int	0.65	—	29/8	2.0	1.9
Eng. & N.Y. Tst (25p)	Int	0.8	0.75	1/10	—	1.7
Glynwed (25p)	Int	2.45	2.45	22/12	6.28†	6.28
Hollis Bros & ESA (25p)	Fin	2.43	2.2	—	3.31	3.11
Inv. Tst. Guernsey (50p)	Int	1.75	1.75	1/11	—	4.75
Jamesons Choes (10p)	Int	0.85	0.88	24/10	—	2.43
Lon. & Sc. Lawrence (5p)		0.22	0.2	3/11	0.22	0.2
Melody MBIs (25p)		2.86	2.22	1/10	2.36	2.22
Moorside Tst (25p)	Int	0.74‡	—	29/8	—	—
Do.	Do.	0.2‡‡	—	29/8	—	—
Patabora Mining	Int	12.5c	30c	16/9	—	120c
Parambe (10p)	Fin	Nil	0.58	—	Nil	0.86
Pretoria Cement	Fin	10.5c	10.5c	1/10	18c	18c
Primrose Ind	Fin	14c	18c	27/9	19c	14c
Steinberg Gp. (10p)	Fin	0.53	0.52	3/10	0.85	0.8
Wstrn. Motor (25p)		Nil	1.87	—	Nil	1.87
York Trailer (10p)	Int	0.67	0.63	1/10	—	1.63

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. †Forecast. c Cents a share. ‡ For period Jan 31 to April 4, 1975. ‡‡ For period from April 5 to Dec 31, 1975.

Hollis happier after second half loss

Hollis Bros & ESA is raising the dividend from 4.59p to 5.05p gross and expects to do better this year. But here the good news ends.

The shares eased 2p to 39p after the group reported pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 down 74 per cent to £628,000 after interest charges of £1m, against £440,000. Turnover rose from £32.3m to £33.3m.

The second half produced a loss of £259,000, against a profit of £1.33m, and disappointed hopes that the board could maintain the interim position of this timber and educational equipment group.

At half time, profits were down 24 per cent to £887,000, following a fall in margins from 9 per cent to 4.9 per cent. With the decline in UK order books, the board was making strong efforts to export more.

G. M. Firth

G. Firth, another steel stockholder, also has a March 31 year-end but here the downturn has already begun. Chairman Mr G. M. Leadbeater says that profits for the first half of this year will not match those made in the same months the year before. For the past year as a whole pre-tax profits actually fell from £903,000 to £801,000 thanks to a bad second half, but the gross dividend rises from 7.32p a share to 7.7p. Earnings a share were 14.4p. Happily, the downturn came just as Firth completed a big capital investment programme.

Steinberg setback

Costs of the move to Milton Keynes and losses at the Norwich-based handbag and footwear divisions of the Steinberg Group are blamed for a big drop in pre-tax profits. In the year to March 31 they fell from a record £835,000 to £629,000. But the dividend is 1.28p, against 1.19p.

Steel stockist boom is over

For steel stockholders such as James Austin Steel and G. M. Firth, the boom is over, as recession begins to bite. In his comment with excellent preliminary figures for the year to March 31 last, Austin Steel's chairman, Mr A. Y. Wilson, explains that trading in the first four months of the current year was "satisfactory at a reduced level". Demand both at home and abroad shows a "significant decline", and low capital spending will eventually hurt structural steelwork though it should be busy for the first half of the current year.

The steel boom took group pre-tax profits up from £732,718 to £1,426,623 last year as sales soared from £6.5m to £9.1m. Earnings a share were 22.8p. Both stockholding and structural engineering were busy, and further steel price increases meant stock appreciation. The gross dividend goes up from 5.13p a share to 6.64p with a 2.38p final but the chairman reminds shareholders that Austin Steel's first two years as a public company free from statutory curbs are over. From now on the usual rules apply.

Parambe in red

Last year Parambe turned a pre-tax profit of £52,000 into a loss of £593,000. There is no dividend, against 1.26p gross.

The group has switched its trading from rubber production to oil and gas operations, and the results are given after a loss on the disposal of investments, of £569,000, against £3,000, and £84,000 of oil exploration costs written off.

Net assets at June 30 were up from £636,000 to £865,000 (22p a share) thanks to an improvement in the value of its shareholding in Siebens Oil & Gas (UK), whose discovery in block 2/10 has upgraded the value of neighbouring North Sea blocks in which Parambe is interested.

Pentos builds up stake in Concrete

Pentos, the investment holding group chaired by Mr Terry Maher, has stepped up its holding in Concrete, the big group in structural pre-cast concrete and structural steel. This holding is now equal to about 23.2 per cent, worth about £840,000. Making this known in his annual statement the chairman of Concrete, Sir Kenneth Wood, says the benefits of reorganization cannot be obtained in the current year because of the present depressed conditions in the construction industry. The year has started well but the group must accept a drop in the level of trading in the latter part of the year.

Third quarter gloom at American Motors

Third quarter net profits of American Motors were almost halved from $19m to $10.1m or £8.9m to £4.74m although sales expanded from $581m to $646m. Again no quarterly dividend is being paid—the last payment was of 10 cents a share a year ago.

For the nine months period to June 30 the group incurred a net loss of $43.2m compared with a profit of $34.6m a year earlier. It is pointed out that the third quarter net profit reflects no provision for United States income taxes due to losses earlier in the year.

Lufthansa issue

Cologne, Aug 6.—Lufthansa AG, the state-controlled airline, will raise its issued capital to DM600m (£109m) nominal by offering DM200m capital previously authorised for issue.

The new shares will be offered at the rate of one new for every two held to existing shareholders at DM52.50 per DM50 nominal share from August 8.

Lufthansa expects to achieve at least a balanced result in 1975 after returning to profit in 1974 with a net surplus of DM64.5m.—Reuter.

ISLE OF MAN ASSOCIATED INV
Turnover £530,000 (£511,000) for six months to April 30; group pre-tax loss £44,600 (profit £1,090). Chairman says since year-end leeway has been made up and board is actively engaged in making every effort to maintain trend and produce another record profit.

ENGLISH & NEW YORK TST
Total gross revenue £826,000 (£717,000) for six months to June 30 including investment income £673,000 (£631,000). Earnings a share 1.1p (0.98p); net asset value an ordinary share 73½p (51p).

AIRFIX INDUSTRIES
Group is to acquire and subscribe for shares to give it 25 per cent holding in Ava International of Texas, for £22,700 cash. It will also guarantee further credit facilities of £227,000 on behalf of Ava.

WHEATSHEAF RIGHTS RESULT
Wheatsheaf Distribution and Trading's rights offer of 2.7 million shares at 110p has been 89 per cent taken up; balance sold at a premium on issue price.

AUSTRALIAN BROKERAGE RATES
Members of Sydney and Melbourne Stock Exchanges have approved a rise of 20 per cent in brokerage rates. This takes effect on September 1.

OGILVY & MATHER
Turnover for the six months to June 30 rose from £39.7m to £45.7m, while pre-tax profits were £5.34m (£5.47m). Earnings a share, 138c (123c).

WESTERN MOTOR
No dividend for 1974 (against total of 2.75p), pre-tax profit £282,000 (£343,000); tax £255,000 (£182,000); earnings a share, 0.33p (6.04p).

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE
Directors now predict the second dividend payment for 1975 of 1.1982p a share, making 2.5337p for year, compared with a total for 1974 of 2.3743p.

MELODY MILLS
Turnover for year expanded from £2.6m to £4.3m and pre-tax profit from £314,000 to £379,000. Earnings a share, 10.7p (8.6p); dividend 3.63p (3.3p).

ALGEMENE BANK NEDERLAND
Agreed terms for bid by company for Mees en Hope Groep NV to be published on or about August 25.

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...arp downward revisions of ...balance of payments deficit ...year have been made by Henley Centre and Phillips ...Drew in their latest fore...s.

...nley Centre now estimates ...1975 current account defi...at £1,630m compared to ...0m in its previous forecast. ...ips and Drew's estimate ...is £1,150m compared with ...0m.

...nsequential adjustments ...been made elsewhere in ...forecasts. Much lower esti...s of imports have been ..., with a drop in volume of ...than 5 per cent according ...both Henley Centre and ...ips and Drew, compared to ...per cent and 2.7 per cent. ...e main effect of the strong ...ovement in the balance of ...ents is higher growth of ... domestic product. This ...been offset to some extent, ...ever, by larger forecasts of ...uctions in stocks.

FORECASTS FOR THE BRITISH ECONOMY

Percentage increase	Year 1976/Year 1974 Treasury (Apr)	NIESR (June)	LBS (Apr)	H (July)	H&G (July)	P&D (Aug)	1st half 1976/2nd half 1975 Treasury (Apr)	NIESR (June)
Consumption	1.8	2.2	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.1	1.7	1.1
Private investment inc. housebuilding	−5.9	−7.4	−9.5	−8.2	−8.1	−8.2	−3.6	0.7
Public investment inc. housebuilding	−1.2	5.6	−0.9	1.4	−1.9	6.8	5.1	0.2
Public authorities consumption	4.9	4.8	4.8	1.5	4.4	3.3	3.7	3.0
Exports	8.7	1.7	1.6	1.2	0.9	10.0	4.2	3.3
Imports	−2.5	−1.4	0.3	−7.7	−6.5	−5.6	5.9	
Stockbuilding (£m) Year 1975	−400	−540	−602	−410	−665	−229	−200	82
Gross domestic product after adjustment to factor cost	1.4	1.6	0.9	1.1	0.6	1.4	2.5	3.0
Inflation forecast	—	25.0	23.0	23.1	20.7	24.4	—	—
Balance of payments —current account deficit (£m) Year	—	2,801	2,180	1,630	1,278	1,150	—	2776

NIESR — National Institute of Economic and Social Research
LBS — London Business School
H — Henley Centre
H&G — Hoare & Co. Govett, as provided by dataSTREAM
P&D — Phillips & Drew

All forecasts are in constant prices, seasonally adjusted and at annual rates. The stockbuilding and balance of payments forecasts in the first half 1976/second half 1975 section are forecasts for the first half of 1976 multiplied by two. Stockbuilding is in 1970 prices.
The forecasts by the Treasury, the NIESR and LBS are based on the assumption of unchanged policies. The forecasts by H, H&G and P&D assume changes in policy. For details readers should refer to original sources.
Categories in different forecasts are not completely comparable, but differences are minor. Differences in results also reflect differences in assumptions, model constructions and date at which work performed. The month in which work was published is given in brackets.
The Treasury published its forecasts with the *Financial Statement and Budget Report*, which usually appears once a year. NIESR and LBS revise their forecasts every quarter. H, H&G and P & D revise their forecasts every month.

...V tube factory ...ged to seek ...y-off subsidy

...television tube factory may ...he first to seek help under ...Government's new scheme ...avoid redundancies. The ...eral and Municipal Work... Union has asked Pilking... ... to join it in applying for ...emporary subsidy for its ...ision tube factory at St ...ns, Lancashire, where staff ...lay-offs.

...r David Warburton, the ...n official responsible for ...glass industry, said yester... that he had written to Sir ...tair Pilkington asking him ...oin with the union in an ...roach to Mr Michael Foot, ... Secretary of State for ...loyment.

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...eliveries to United Kingdom ...ributors of British made and ...orted colour television sets ...lled 88,007 in June, a 49 per ... decline on the June, 1974, ...re.

...his brought the total so far ... year to 824,000, a 28 per ... decline compared with the ...e 1974 period. Of this total, ...000 were imported.

Call for reconsideration of capital transfer tax

By Margaret Stone

A reconsideration of capital transfer tax has been urged by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

Its memorandum, submitted at the request of the Inland Revenue, bears many points of resemblance to the association's detailed objections to the Finance Bill—which were, it points out, in large measure ignored.

The association continues to maintain that the level of capital transfer tax is higher than in any other developed country, and that its main effect "will be to discourage investment or the creation of productive assets in this country".

Among the specific changes urged by the ABCC are reduction in the rates; further reduced rates for gifts and bequests within the immediate family; reliefs similar to the old estate duty reliefs for agricultural land, business assets, and no tapering of the lifetime gifts tax rate in respect of larger transfers.

The ABCC then suggests that the death rate should be applied only if a donor dies within a year of making a gift rather than three years, as at present; that the death rate should not apply where death occurs by accident within the first year of a gift; and that the tax rate for discretionary trusts should be brought into line with that applicable to strict settlements.

Woodlands policy criticized

In 10 years' time timber may be this country's biggest single import, Mr John Trower, investment manager of Matthews Wrightson Land, forestry managers, claimed yesterday. Speaking in Oxfordshire, he was criticizing the Government's conflicting policy in respect of woodlands.

On the one hand, he said, the Government's policy was to encourage planting, particularly of hardwoods, but on the other the impact of capital transfer tax would lead to the destruction of the remaining hardwoods and would deter owners of woodlands from planting anything but the quicker yielding conifers.

Mr Trower said the concession in the Finance Act for growing timber, which is the only asset upon which capital transfer tax does not fall immediately at death, will have a result contrary to the Government's intention.

Instead of delaying the felling of timber, the effect of the concession is that the faster trees are felled, the lighter the tax burden will be. This is likely to nullify the present encouragement given for the planting of hardwoods.

Last year the country imported £1,809m worth of timber and timber products compared with £4,300m of oil and £3,300m of food.

IBM fails to get anti-trust suit stopped

New York, Aug 6.—A motion by International Business Machines Corporation to stop the government anti-trust suit against it was dismissed as entirely groundless by Chief Judge David Edelstein today. IBM had alleged that the government failed to state unlawful conduct in its opening statement.

Judge Edelstein is hearing the government's anti-trust suit without a jury in Manhattan Federal Court. The case, which is expected to last a year, is now in summer recess.

Judge Edelstein also rejected a second IBM motion to dismiss part of the suit on the grounds that the government had conceded that IBM's practice of selling related equipment with its basic computers was not a violation of anti-trust laws.

In rejecting the argument, Judge Edelstein agreed with the government that the practice was not illegal. He said the government must have an opportunity to show that the practice was employed as an instrument of monopoly power.

Cuban naval deal won by Spain

Spanish naval architects have gained a contract worth more than $500,000 (£230,000) to carry out feasibility studies and preliminary design work for Cuba's first big shipbuilding yard.

The company, Sener, will carry out the work in two phases.

Business appointments

Matheson chairman named director of Sun Alliance

Mr Henry Keswick, chairman of Matheson, has been made a director of Sun Alliance and London Insurance, and of its principal subsidiaries.

Mr Hugh Lester becomes managing director of Loughborough Byeworks.

Mr Dennis McDonnell and Mr John Hall become vice-chairmen of Ayer Barker Hegemann. Mr Roger Beeson has been made media director and Mr Keith Ravenscroft a creative director.

Mr J. R. Garnham, chairman and managing director of J. C. Spooner & Son, is relinquishing the duties of managing director and will be succeeded in that position by Mr H. H. Watts.

Mr A. A. Heath has relinquished the chairmanship of Permali. He will remain on the board as life president. Mr J. Watson has been elected chairman.

Mr James Pegler, managing director of Clerical, Medical & General Life Assurance, has retired but will remain on the board as a non-executive director. Succeeding him, with the title of general manager, is Mr Leonard Hall. Mr Roger Corley has been made a director. Mr Andrew O'Leary becomes a director and assistant general manager and Mr Hugh Beerlestone is named secretary.

Mr Michael Anderson has joined the Mersey Docks and Habour Company as finance director. He succeeds Mr Hugh Wrigglesworth.

Mr James Bell has been named by Elder Dempster Lines, trade director USA/West Africa. Mr Kenneth Birch becomes trade director, Continent/West Africa and Mr David Sykes trade director, UK/West Africa.

Mr M. A. Neale joins the board of J. H. Fenner.

Mr Kenneth Thorogood has resigned as chairman of BMW Concessionaires GB and becomes the new president. He is chairman of TKM (Holdings), the parent company. Mr Jonathan Sieff, deputy chairman of BMW GB, becomes chairman. Mr Anton Bille remains managing director.

Mr E. Ivan Kingston has been made a director of Central Wagon and becomes deputy chairman of the company.

Mr A. Strogoff has resigned from the board of Audit and Wiborg and Mr G. S. Gutterman has been appointed to the board.

Mr Warren Dechter has been made Quaker Oat's director of marketing.

Mr Robert Terry has been named by Thorn Electrical Industries to the post of managing director of Crypto-Peerless, succeeding Mr F. L. Ingram, who becomes non-executive chairman.

Mr A. D. Smith and Mr K. A. Broome have joined the board of Plastocraft Products (Barwen). Mr D. J. Lowe has resigned from the board.

Mr Roger Weston has been appointed controller (marketing) to EOC's New Venture Secretariat.

Mr Brian Brown has been elected deputy vice-president of the National Tyre Distributors Association.

Mr William Bryce is the new director of customer service for North West Gas.

Mr R. H. Lewis, MP, has joined the board of Anwar Insurance.

Mr John Firth has become managing director of Employment Conditions Abroad.

Mr F. K. Kennedy has been named divisional department director of Elrmid Quadcast (Home & Garden Equipment).

Mr Norman Smith has been appointed a director of Orion Insurance.

Lord Windlesham joins the board of Associated Television Corporation.

COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE DE SUEZ

Société Anonyme registered in France with a capital of Frs. 841,918,500
Registered Office: 1, rue d'Astorg, 75008 PARIS

INTERIM STATEMENT OF INCOME

	1974 Francs	1975 Francs
Portfolio income:		
—1st quarter	2,334,417.48	2,590,955.06
—2nd quarter	53,012,700.03	93,633,219.98 (1)
	55,347,117.51	96,224,175.04
Total amount of other income:		
—1st quarter	5,060,096.59	3,152,444.73
—2nd quarter	17,397,595.21	18,642,012.99
	22,457,691.80	21,794,457.72
Total	77,804,809.31	118,018,632.76

(1) The large increase in portfolio income for the second quarter of 1975, compared with the second quarter of 1974, arises in particular from:
—the payment of a first dividend by the "new" Banque de l'Indochine, formed after re-structuring operations in May 1974, representing for Compagnie Financière de Suez a net receipt of Frs. 31,359,160.
—the delay in the receipt of certain dividends, due to the fact that in compliance with a recommendation of the "Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances", many companies, like Compagnie Financière de Suez itself, deferred their 1974 dividend payments until the third quarter.

LONDON, 5th August 1975

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Tobenoil gets GEI paper bid

The announcement of the proposed agreed merger between engineer GEI International, and Tobenoil, the packaging machinery and engineering group, caused little surprise in a market prepared by rumour. The offer which values Tobenoil at around £3.5m will be on the basis of one GEI ordinary share plus 20p nominal of its 10 per cent partly convertible loan stock 1987/92 for every two Tobenoil shares, including the one for 10 scrip issue. Taking the loan stock at £64 per cent, and GEI ordinary shares at 42p each Tobenoil share is valued at 30p. This compares with last night's closing price of 26p.

For some time, the two groups have been closely related at boardroom level. Mr Thomas Kenny is chairman of both companies while two other directors have dual roles. As a result, independent advice was sought with Samuel Montagu acting for GEI, and Slater, Walker for Tobenoil.

Tobenoil shareholders will probably see an increase in income of over 250 per cent. GEI which raised £1.5m by way of a rights issue last month decided upon a paper acquisition to maintain liquidity for its investment programme.

In the year to March 31, 1975, GEI saw its pre-tax profits rise from £1.66m to £2.30m while Tobenoil, during the same period went ahead from £447,000 to £539,000.

Grovebell circulars

Two leaders of diverse groups of dissidents at Grovebell Group, formerly (Maden & Ireland) have sent out separate circulars to shareholders seeking support for the "real issue"—strengthening the board at an extraordinary meeting next Tuesday. Mr V. J. Advani, of the family-owned Sonesta Investments, criticizes the move into property and then into an airline. Mr Ronald Bray, referring to the "very unhappy" saga stresses the board's "dilettante" approach to diversification.

DoT investigations a record last year

Last year the Department of Trade investigated a record number of companies—158 compared with 93 in 1973. This is stated in the Department's annual report, which also gives details of its work in administering the Companies Acts, particularly the insolvency service and investigation branch.

Investigations under Sections 164 and 165 of the 1948 Act included Court Line, London & County Securities, Land & General Developments, and London Capital Group.

MANN EGERTON
Chairman says current year has started with profits for two months to end May 10 per cent better than some two months last year. ME is member of Inchcape Group.

BRAZIL RAILWAY LOAN
A syndicate headed by Banco do Brazil is making a five-year-loan of $100m available to Brazilian Federal Railways.

CADBURY TYPHOO—GLENVILLE
Glenville, subsidiary of Tunnel Refineries, has been acquired by Cadbury Typhoo, an offshoot of Cadbury Schweppes, for about £500,000.

BALFOUR DARWINS
In the 64 weeks to March 29 there was a record pre-tax profit of £1.2m, against a loss of £128,000. BD was acquired by Edgar Allen earlier this year. The dividend total is 3.54p, against 0.5p.

HELLENIC & GENERAL TRUST
Pre-tax profit for six months to March 30, £496,000 (loss £176,000) on turnover £1.34m (£1.9m). Dividend is 1.03p (0.62p). Net asset value a share, 52.4p (67.5p).

FEEDEX
Recent one-for-one rights issue was accepted for 96.45 per cent of shares offered.

GNOME PHOTOGRAPHIC
Pre-tax profit for year, £226,000 (£227,000); dividend 2.27p (2.21p).

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 139.43 on August 5 against 139.37 a week earlier.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981 ..	102	102
Airlease 8¾ 1988 ..	85½	86½
Ashland 8 1987 ..	90	91
BICC 7¼ 1987 ..	71	73
Bristol 8¼ 1979 ..	88	90
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 ..	85	86
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	90½	91½
Carrier 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Chevron 7 1980 ..	96½	98
Conoco 7 1980 ..	97	98½
Conoco 8 1986 ..	95½	96½
Cons Food 7½ 1991 ..	84¼	85¼
Coventry 8¾ 1981 ..	90	92
Coventry 8¼ 1980 ..	88	90
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	92	93
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981 ..	101½	102½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91	92
Dana 8 1987 ..	90½	91½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 ..	82	83
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991 ..	79½	80½
Dundee 9¼ 1983 ..	93	95
Escom 9¾ 1989 ..	88½	90½
Escom Floating Rate 1982 ..	97¼	98½
First Chicago 7 1980	93¾	94¾
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984 ..	82	85
GATX 8¾ 1987 ..	89	90
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987 ..	76	79
ICI 7¾ 1992 ..	78	81
International Util 8¾ 1982 ..	93¾	94¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988 ..	72	75
Manchester 8¾ 1981 ..	87½	89½
Mexico 8¾ 1991 ..	82	85
Michelin 7¾ 1988 ..	84	85
Mitsubishi 9 1989 ..	96	98
Motorola 8 1987 ..	93	95
Nat & Grindlays 7¼ 1987	76	77
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	84	87
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 ..	101½	102½
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987 ..	90½	91½
Occidental 7½ 1984 ..	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	90	91
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	100½	101½
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	93	95
Scanraff 7½ 1990 ..	85½	86½
Scanraff 8¾ 1988 ..	96	97
Shell 7½ 1987 ..	92	93
Singer 11 1977 ..	101½	102½
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102¾	103¾
Slough 8 1988 ..	67	71
South Africa 8 1987 ..	83	85
Standard Oil 8½ 1980 ..	99	100
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 ..	98	99
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988 ..	99	100
Sybron 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987 ..	86¾	87¾
Textron 7¾ 1987 ..	84¼	85¼
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	91¾	92¾
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	95½	97
Union Oil 7½ 1987 ..	91¾	92¾
Venezuela 8¼ 1987 ..	93½	96½
Volvo 8 1987 ..	86½	87½
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987 ..	81	84
DM BONDS	**Bid**	**Offer**
APEL (DM) 10 1981 ..	104¼	105¼
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/85 ..	79¼	80¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	80	81
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	100½	101½
Escom (DM) 7 1973 88	71	72
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1973/87	88	89
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86 ..	91¾	92¾
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980 ..	103¾	104¾
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91½	92½
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982 ..	103	104
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970/85 ..	91¼	92¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988 ..	90	91
$ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
AMF 5 1987 ..	62	64
American Express 4¼ '87	85	87
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	92	94
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	102	104
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	90	92
Borden 5 1992 ..	87	89
Borden 6¾ 1991 ..	97	99
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	73	75
Carnation 4 1987 ..	84	86
Chevron 5 1993 ..	98	100
Cummins 6¾ 1986 ..	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	84	86
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	111	113
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	82	84
Eaton 5 1987 ..	74	76
Ford 5 1988 ..	72	74
Ford 6 1986 ..	85	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	75	77
Gould 5 1987 ..	80	83
General Electric 4¼ 1987	84	86
Halliburton 4¼ 1987 ..	124	126
Harris 5 1987 ..	66	68
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	76	78
ITT 4½ 1987 ..	67	69
J Ray McDermott 4¾ '87	136	138
JP Morgan 4¾ 1987 ..	109	111
Nabisco 5½ 1988 ..	93½	94½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	85	87
JC Penney 4½ 1987 ..	80	82
Revlon 4¾ 1987 ..	96	98
Rank Org 4¼ 1993 ..	41	43
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988 ..	93	95
Squibb 4¼ 1987 ..	84	86
Texaco 4¾ 1988 ..	76	78
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	99	101
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	91	93
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	74	76

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars closed barely steady; cathodes were quiet. [illegible]

SILVER was firmer. [illegible]

TIN.—Standard metal closed firmer; high-grade was idle. [illegible]

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £171.75-72.00 a metric ton; three months, £179.50-80.00. Sales, 750 tons. Morning.—Cash, £170-72.25; three months, £177.75-80.00. Settlement, £172.25. Sales, 2,300 tons (about half carries).

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £332-34.00 a metric ton; three months, £341-44.50. Sales, 1,400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £331.50-32.00; three months, £342.50-43.00. Settlement, £331.00. Sales, 1,025 tons (about half carries). Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 50p to £78.90 ($168) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Aug-Sept, £145; "D" grade, Aug-Sept, £138 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, Aug, Rs470; Dundee Daisee, Aug, Rs425 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady: Oct, 163.0-65.0p per kilo; Dec, 167.0-71.0p; March, 173.5-76.5p; May, 176.0-79.0p; July, 180.0-83.0p; Oct, 184.5-86.0p; Dec, 188.0-89.0p; March, 188.0-90.0p. Sales, 28 lots.

RUBBER closed steady. Sept, 37.50-38.50p per kilo; Oct, 37.50-38.50p; Oct-Dec, 38.20-38.30p; Jan-March, 38.45-38.50p; April-June, 39.70-39.75p; July-Sept, 40.50-40.60p; Oct-Dec, 41.10-41.20p; Jan-March, 41.35-41.6p; April-June, 41.70-41.90p. Sales, 185 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steadier. Spot, 36.50-38.50p per kilo; Cif's, Sept, 31.15-31.25p; Oct, 32.00-32.50p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 28.0-32.0p per lb; Ulster Hd qtrs, 34.0-38.0p; Ulster F qtrs, 16.0-17.5p; Eire Hd qtrs, 35.0-37.0p; Eire F qtrs, 16.0-17.0p.

VEAL: English Fats, 36.0-40.0p; *English Fats, 42.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 54.0-58.0p.

LAMB: English Small, 26.0-30.0p; *English Small, 32.0p; English Medium, 26.0-30.0p; English Heavy, 24.0-27.0p; Scotch Medium, 24.0-28.0; Scotch Heavy, 23.0-24.0p. Imported frozen: New Zealand P's, 28.0-27.0; New Zealand 2's, 28.5-29.0p; New Zealand 8's, 27.0-27.5p; New Zealand YLs, 26.5-27.0p.

EWES: 12.0-17.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lb, 25.0-32.0p; English, 100-120lb, 25.0-31.0p; English, 120-160lb, 26.0-29.0p; English, 160-180lb, 28.0-28.0p; English, 180lb and over, 22.5-25.0p.
*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robustas closed from £6.50 to £3.00 up on balance.—Sept, £773.0-75.0 per metric ton; Nov, £776.0-77.0; Jan, £778.0-80.0; March, 781.0-82.0; May, £781.0-83.0; July, £784.0-85.0; Sept, £786.0-87.0. Sales, 951 lots.

ARABICAS were dull.—Aug, $92.70-93.00 per 50 kilos; Oct, $92.00-93.00; Dec, $93.50-93.80; Feb, $93.00-93.50; April, $95.00-95.00; June, $96.00-96.30; Aug, $96.50-97.50. Sales, nine lots.

COCOA closed with on-balance gains ranged mostly from £1.00 to £4.50 per tonne.—Sept, £601.5-2.0 per metric ton; New Dec, £572.0-3.0; March, £564.0-5.0; May, £562.0-4.0; July, £562.0-4.0; Sept, £562.0-4.0; Dec, £562.0-6.0. Sales, 3,095 lots, including four options. ICCO prices, daily, [illegible]; 22-day average, [illegible] (US cents per lb).

SUGAR closed quiet. The London daily price for "Raws" was reduced by £5 to £195 yesterday, while that for "Whites" was reduced by £10 to [illegible]. [illegible]

SOYABEAN MEAL was barely steady. [illegible]

GRAIN (The Baltic).—The imported grain market remained dull yesterday with no fresh feature to break the current trading lull.

WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept, [illegible]. [illegible]

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Aug, [illegible] transhipment east coast.

BARLEY.—[illegible] feed: Aug, [illegible]; Sept, [illegible] east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

MARK LANE.—Demand remained quiet yesterday, with little change in basic price levels. Oct-Dec deliveries of denaturable wheat traded to Southern Counties at £62 and into East Anglia at £62.50 per long ton, while Avonmouth paid £67 for Jan-March deliveries. Milling wheats and feed barley were slow markets. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery London area: Wheat Rosicrea, Sept £62.00, denaturable, Sept, £60; Oct-Dec, £62.75. Barley feed, unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin, BARLEY steady.—Sept, £62.50; Nov, £63.15; Jan, £65.50; March, £66.50; May, £67.15. WHEAT steady.—Sept, £60.55; Nov, £63.15; Jan, £65.80; March, £67.70; May, £69.35. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Borders	—	—	£51.00
West Hertford	£59.65	£55.65	£53.35

TRANSAMERICA EUROBOND
TransAmerica Financial Corp of Canada will raise $C15m through a 9¾ per cent, six-year Eurobond issue. Price later.

TPG—NEWMAN
Boards to offer 65,000 shares free to about 6,500 employees. Shares donated by Strongpoint, a private company.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Allied and Smithers 25p	155
Barrett 13¾% 1980 (£100)	£10¾
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100)	£10¼
Cambridge Wtr 9% Bd Pf (£10)	£10
Clive Discount (20)	30
Derby 13¾% 1982 (£99½)	£10¼
E. Surrey Wtr 9% Bd Pf (£10)	£9¾
English Prop 12% Cnv (£100)	4¼ prem
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	192
Folkestone Wtr 9% Pf	£10¼
Land Secs 10% Cnv	£2¾ prem
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (35)	30-1
Mitchell Cotts 12% Cnv (£100)	£100½
Newcastle Wtr 9% Bd Pf	£10
Nth Surrey Wtr 9% Pf	£100
Prop Hldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£100)	190
Sunderland Wtr 9% Bd Pf (£10)	£10
Westminster 13% 1981 (£99½)	£50
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£99¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Adams Food (4)	Sept 10	¼ prem
BTR Ltd (50)	..	27½ prem
Clarson Dewar (36)	..	9 prem
Crellon (25)	..	1 prem
Crossley Bldg (41)	..	3 prem
Davy Int (65)	..	5½ prem
Empire Stores (25)	Sept 19	23 prem
Hanson Trust (25)	Sept 5	57 prem
Law Land (15)	Sept 16	¾ prem
McCorquodale (129)	Sept 19	18 prem
Morgan Edwards (32)	Oct 2	2 prem
Premier Cons (5)	July 11	1½ prem
Renold (108)	Sept 5	¾ prem
Royal Worcs (78)	..	9 prem
Scot & Newcastle (40)	..	3 prem
Westland Air (35)	Sept 12	4 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £5 paid. b £10 paid. c £60 paid. f £30 paid. g £80 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 6.—Wall Street stocks closed mixed yesterday despite some interest in selected issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.52 points to 813.67. Declining issues led gains by about 825 to 520. Volume totalled 16,280,000 shares compared with 15,470,000 yesterday.

Brokers said some light buying was not surprising in recently depressed issues. They added there was little in the new background to lead to a general rise and said investors continued wary about rising United States interest rates and the threat of a new inflation spiral.

Analysts added that investors appeared to be awaiting figures on the July wholesale prices due as the stock market opens for trading tomorrow.

Short-term interest rates continued to press higher today.

NY silver 7.10c up

New York, Aug 6.—COMEX SILVER was boosted by the rally in Chicago grains. [illegible]

GOLD.—Futures closed lower in fairly quiet trading. The New York Comex finished $0.40 to $0.70 easier and the Chicago IMM ended unchanged to $0.30 lower. Comex volume fell to [illegible] contracts from [illegible] yesterday, while IMM volume was estimated at [illegible] contracts.

NY COMEX.—Aug, $165.80; Sept, $167.00; Oct, $168.30; Dec, $171.00; Feb, $173.20; April, $177.30; June, $180.30; Aug, $183.30; Oct, $185.40; Dec, $189.20. CHICAGO IMM.—Sept, $167.10-167.00; Dec, $171.50; March, $176.50; June, $181.20; Sept, $185.30; Dec, $190.20.

COPPER.—Barely steady. 1,862 sales. Aug, 56.50c; Sept, 56.80c; Oct, 57.10c; Dec, 58.00c; Jan, 58.30c; March, 60.30c; May, 61.30c; July, 62.30c; Sept, 63.30c.

SUGAR.—World futures broke out on the upside from the earlier narrow trading range. Prices rose almost 1 00c from the day's lows but finished under best levels at 0.75c to 0.57c up. Sales were 3,364 lots. Spot 18.25c unchanged. Sept, 18.10-17.95c; Oct, 17.47-17.52c; Jan, 17.28c nominal; March, 16.90-16.85c; May, 16.70c; July, 16.60c; Sept, 16.50c nominal; Oct, 16.30c.

COCOA.—Futures closed 0.45c to 0.80c higher. Volume was 807. Sept, 56.55c; Dec, 52.35c; March, 50.35c; May, 49.85c; July, 49.30c; Sept, 49.15c; Dec, 48.60. Spots: Ghana 76 nominal; Bahia 61½ nominal.

COFFEE.—Futures closed mixed, off 0.40c to 0.20c higher. Volume was 528 lots. Sept, 85.00c; Nov, 84.00; 83.75c; Dec, 83.25c; March, 83.50c; May, 83.25-83.50c; July, 83.10; 85.00c.

COTTON.—Closing prices were about 0.25c to 0.28c up on an estimated volume of 1,225 contracts. Oct, 50.60-50.45c; Dec, 50.15-50.60c; March, 51.48c; May, 52.08c; July, 52.60c; Oct, 53.40c; Dec, 53.55c.

WOOL.—Grease wool closed 0.05c to 0.15c up. Crossbreds were unchanged to 0.05c up. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 142.5c nominal; Oct, 143.0-145.0c; Dec, 144.0-150.0c; March, 146.5-152.5c; May, 146.5-155.5c; July, 146.5-152.5c; Oct, 146.5c; Dec, 146.5c.

CROSSBRED.—Spot 77.5c nominal; Oct, 72.0-85.0c; Dec, 75.0-85.0c; March, 78.5-84.0c; May, 75.0c; July, 75.0c; Oct, 75.0c; Dec, 75.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabean futures were up 9c to 12½c, oil gained 0.12c to 0.80c and meal finished $0.25 to $2.25 higher. SOYABEANS.—Aug, 608c; Sept, 610-609c; Nov, 610-614c; Jan, [illegible]; March, [illegible]; May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Aug, [illegible]. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Aug, $152.50; Sept, $136.50-136.70; Oct, $135.00; Dec, $135.00; Jan, $137.00; March, $137.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Aug, 27.30-27.40; Sept, 26.20-26.25; Oct, 25.15-25.20; Dec, 25.13-25.20c; Jan, 25.10c; March, 25.25c; May, 25.10c; July, 24.90c; Aug, 24.00-24.70c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—[illegible]

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1250 ($2.1385); three months, $2.1003 ($2.1172); Canadian dollar [illegible].

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 0.42 to 311.60. The futures index was up 3.04 at 293.72.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials [illegible].

	Aug 6	Aug 5		Aug 6	Aug 5		Aug 6	Aug 5
[illegible]			[illegible]			[illegible]		

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Canadian Prices

[illegible]		

Foreign Exchange

Sterling was weak on foreign exchanges yesterday. The pattern of trading was similar to that in other recent sessions, with the dollar gaining ground against all other currencies in light trading.

Most of the day's sterling business was done at $2.1375, only 40 points down from the overnight level. But this was the best quote for the pound, which slipped back by 1 cent in the afternoon to close at $2.1275, down 140 points on the day. The "effective depreciation" rate widened from 26.9 per cent to 27.2 per cent.

In quiet trading, gold fell from $165¾ an ounce overnight to $164¾. Dealers referred to a lack of interest in the metal.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 6	Market rates (close) August 6
New York	$2.1270-1380	$2.1270-1280
Montreal	$2.1940-2060	$2.1950-1960
Amsterdam	5.60-64fl	5.60¾-61¾fl
Brussels	80.70-81.50f	80.75-95f
Copenhagen	12.58-64k	12.59-60k
Frankfurt	5.45-49m	5.47-48m
Lisbon	55.30-56.30e	55.90-56.10e
Madrid	123.80-124.60p	123.85-124.05p
Milan	1417-1425lr	1417¾-1419¾lr
Oslo	11.54-30k	11.54¾-55¾k
Paris	9.26-30f	9.27-28f
Stockholm	9.12-15k	9.13¾-14¾k
Tokyo	630-640y	632¾-635¼y
Vienna	38.40-90sch	38.45-65sch
Zurich	5.68-72f	5.68¾-69¾f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.3% to 27.2%.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.85-.75c prem	2.35-2.25c prem
Montreal	.70-.60c prem	1.95-1.85c prem
Amsterdam	4-3c prem	10¼-9¼c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	85-65c prem
Copenhagen	6¾-4¾o prem	13¾-11¾o prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11¾-10¾pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-30c disc	90c prem-30c disc
Milan	1-4lr disc	9-11lr disc
Oslo	5-1o prem	13¾-11¾o prem
Paris	3-1c prem	5¼-3¾c prem
Stockholm	1¼o prem-¼o disc	6-4o prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	65-35gro prem
Zurich	3¾-2¾c prem	10¾-9¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9697-00.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5½-6¼; seven days, 5¾-6¼; one month, 6¼-6¾; three months, 6¾-7¼; six months, 7¼-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $165.35 (an ounce); pm, $164.35.

Krugerrand (per coin): $172¾-174½ (£81½-82) (domestic); $169-171 (£79¾-80¾) (international).

Sovereigns (new): $50¾-51¾ (£23¾-24¼) (international).

Discount market

Identifiable factors pointed to a moderate surplus of fresh funds in the discount market yesterday, but this did not come to the surface and the Bank of England stayed on the sidelines. Meanwhile the discount houses found that credit conditions were thin and patchy. Rates were still in the 9 to 9½ per cent band at the finish.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11% (Last changed 25/7/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½-10%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 9½ Close 10
Week Fixed: 10¼-10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10¼	2 months	10¼
3 months	10¼	3 months	10¼

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10¾-10½	3 months	10¾
3 months	10¼-10½	4 months	11
4 months	10¼-10½	6 months	11
6 months	10¼-10½		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10¼	7 months	10¾-10¼
2 months	10¼-10¼	8 months	10¾-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	9 months	11¼-10¾
4 months	10¼-10¼	10 months	11¼-10¾
5 months	10¼-10¼	11 months	11¼-10¾
6 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11½-11

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	10⁷⁄₁₆-10¼	6 months	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10¼	12 months	11¾-11¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9¾-10	3 months	10¼
7 days	10-10¼	6 months	10¾
1 month	10¼	1 year	11¾-11¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 10-9¾ Close 10½

1 week	10¼-10	6 months	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆
1 month	10⁷⁄₁₆-10¼	9 months	11¼-11
3 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10¼	12 months	11¼-11½

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11% 6 months 11¼%

Finance House Base Rate 10

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster..	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 7%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

ROBERT KITCHEN TAYLOR
Exceeded allowed borrowings of £5m. Extraordinary meeting called for August 26 to ratify present excess and increase borrowing powers to £10m.

SUEZ FINANCE
Portfolio and other income for first half of 1975 rose from 77.8m francs to 118m francs (£13m). A large rise in second-quarter portfolio income arose from payment of a first dividend by "new" Banque de L'Indochine and delayed dividend receipts.

SPIRELLA—VANTONA
Spirella Group has bought in the market 25,000 shares in Vantona at 41½p, or at less than the 46p it is offering for Vantona.

M. J. H. NIGHTINGALE & CO LIMITED
62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP Tel: 01-638 8651

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	40	+1	3.0	7.5	4.5
126	90	Henry Sykes	124	—	4.9	4.0	8.3
61	29	Twinlock Ord	32	—	0.9	2.9	7.9
65	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	64	—	12.0	18.8	—
56	48	Unilock Holdings	56	+1	4.5	8.0	10.8

CLYDESDALE BANK
INTEREST RATES
Clydesdale Bank Limited announces that with effect from 7th August, 1975, its base rate for lending is being increased from 9½% to 10% per annum.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
33.6	28.8	Giants	26.9	28.7e	4.00
35.0	21.7	Do Accum	29.2	31.1	4.00
30.8	18.2	Growth	23.3	25.0e	4.50
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	25.5	27.3	4.50
30.7	20.7	Income	25.1	27.3e	8.20
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	29.1	31.3	8.20
22.9	15.6	East & Intl Acc	18.0	19.0	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	17.9	19.0	4.90
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	28.0	29.7e	4.73
24.2	11.0	Do Income	20.4	21.7	8.61
25.9	13.4	Do Invest	22.7	24.1	4.23
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Alben Trst*	48.2	51.8e	3.85
48.1	24.3	Do Income*	39.6	42.6e	6.66
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.4	30.1	Allied Capital	45.1	48.2	6.22
50.0	31.4	Do 1st	43.6	46.8	5.71
48.5	25.0	Brit Ind 2nd	42.0	44.9	6.68
37.8	18.2	Growth & Inc	29.0	31.1	6.25
27.6	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	20.0	21.4	6.62
39.0	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	33.6	35.9	5.61
46.5	29.1	High Income	38.6	41.3	7.27
27.8	16.4	Equity Income	22.7	24.3e	8.13
23.4	14.1	International	21.0	22.5	2.31
39.0	25.0	High Yield Fnd	32.3	34.7	11.81
79.5	43.6	Hambro Fnd	66.1	70.6	6.29
38.7	22.7	Do Income	31.7	33.9	8.44
81.5	44.3	Do Recovery	66.9	71.5	9.13
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	13.7	14.7e	8.61
20.1	12.3	Do Accum	17.8	19.0	8.33
21.7	13.6	2nd Smaller	18.3	19.6	8.51
44.6	30.4	Secs of America	39.6	42.4	3.19
128.2	89.5	Exempt Fnd	110.9	118.5	6.82
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252/6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
30.6	25.0	Unicorn Amer	27.5	29.4	2.43
68.4	35.7	Aust Income	45.3	48.9	2.69
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	54.8	59.2	2.69
55.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	45.0	48.7	4.97
64.2	30.2	Exempt*	53.3	55.5	7.59
19.6	11.1	Extra Income	16.5	17.6	10.15
50.9	22.4	Financial	41.4	44.8e	4.61
49.3	26.4	Unicorn '500'	39.5	42.2	7.43
24.1	12.0	General	19.9	21.5	6.90
29.7	14.9	Growth Accum	23.8	25.7	5.29
55.8	30.0	Income	44.8	47.7e	8.37
25.2	14.9	Recovery	21.0	22.5	9.71
85.2	44.7	Trustee	69.5	73.9e	6.25
46.6	32.4	Worldwide	40.7	43.5e	3.74
140.0	96.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	116.4	120.0	6.47
143.0	97.2	Do Accum	118.9	122.6	6.47
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6899			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	104.0	111.0	2.07
123.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	108.0	116.0	2.11
110.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	94.0	101.0	8.70
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
196.0	78.0	B.T. Income (2)	152.0	162.0	9.36
28.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	22.9	24.4	2.68
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	23.2	24.7	2.89
88.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	71.0	76.0e	7.04
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	11.9	12.7	5.16
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.0	12.8	5.16
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	34.3	35.7	6.16
30.0	17.7	Balanced (2)	25.9	27.4	6.56
31.9	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	26.4	27.9	4.86
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	24.1	25.5	9.56
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
158.0	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	133.8	138.8	7.10
179.4	116.9	Do Accum (1)	154.9	159.9	7.10
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
28.0	15.9	Canlife Gen	22.5	24.7e	5.00
31.1	17.1	Do Accum	26.5	27.9	5.00
25.2	17.5	Income Dist	22.7	23.9	9.07
28.0	19.1	Do Accum	26.3	28.6	9.07
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
51.7	34.5	Carliol (8)	51.7	54.2	3.91
61.7	37.4	Do Accum	61.4	63.9	3.35
24.0	25.4	Do High Yld	23.4	25.4	10.60
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
116.5	59.3	Inc* (24)	97.4	..	7.46
180.5	79.6	Accum* (24)	141.9	..	5.11
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.4	12.2	Int (3)	18.6	19.8	2.44
22.6	13.6	Accum (3)	20.4	21.8	2.44
31.0	20.2	Inc (3)	25.0	26.6	9.36
27.0	18.4	Euro Fin (3)	24.4	26.0	2.49
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	20.6	22.0	3.97
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
25.6	8.9	Growth Fnd	15.9	16.9	5.66
39.9	20.0	International	35.2	37.7	2.33
31.1	15.7	Reserves Fnd	24.6	26.6e	5.27
34.9	18.0	High Dist	30.1	32.3	7.95
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Silver St Head, Sheffield, S13 RD 0742 79842			
61.5	39.7	Commodity	50.8	54.8	5.83
32.1	17.4	Growth	28.1	29.9	3.06
24.1	13.0	Drayton Capital	20.5	21.8	3.53
35.6	22.4	Drayton Inc	28.5	30.4	8.00
44.7	29.0	International	39.3	42.1	2.34
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 53169			
53.4	25.6	Progressive	40.6	43.2	4.72
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
47.0	22.3	Equity & Law	39.9	42.0	5.02
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
51.0	26.4	Capital	43.2	45.8	5.67
46.3	24.0	Income	40.6	43.0	7.82
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.8	12.9	Friends Prov	22.7	24.2	5.27
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	26.3	28.1	5.27
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	70.0	71.0	3.65
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	64.0	59.0e	8.81
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	64.0	66.0	8.82
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		3 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	13.6	G & A	20.1	21.5	6.08
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St. Martin's-Le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
63.8	36.0	GT Cap	50.3	53.3e	3.70
71.6	38.8	Do Accum	57.3	60.9	3.70
103.2	72.2	Do Income	90.3	96.0	7.00
149.8	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	130.2	138.5	1.00
160.0	84.6	Do Japan Gen	140.3	149.2	1.00
96.0	95.0	Do Pension Ex	93.8	98.4	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brit	29.0	31.2e	4.67
38.0	22.1	Do High Inc	25.5	28.5e	13.01
28.5	19.8	Do Overseas	23.6	24.4	1.74
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031			
67.0	31.5	Guardhill	55.7	57.7	3.75
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
49.9	32.5	Aust Trst	32.0	34.1	3.25
64.6	38.3	Cabot	59.3	63.0	3.14
36.8	20.6	Cap Accum	23.2	24.7	4.46
38.1	25.7	European	33.9	36.3	3.94
43.6	33.2	Far East Trst	34.0	36.5e	2.54
34.1	21.8	Financial ITU	20.7	22.1	4.36
127.5	80.5	Henderson Gr*	95.0	99.5	3.48
37.0	23.0	High Income	30.4	32.3	11.54
24.5	14.6	Inc & Assets	18.9	21.0	7.61
27.0	17.2	International	22.8	24.3	3.28
40.6	26.4	Nth American	33.9	36.3e	2.83
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	24.3	25.9	4.32
93.0	59.3	Pers Portfolio	74.5	77.5	5.56
83.0	44.3	World Wide	59.9	63.8	6.23
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Beech St, EC2 P2X. 01-628 8011			
58.9	39.1	Dollar	50.4	54.0	1.92
30.6	18.8	International	25.8	27.6e	3.13
117.0	52.6	Brit Trst	95.7	102.4	5.94
117.0	52.6	Brit Guernsey	95.7	102.4	3.86
22.0	9.2	Cap	17.6	18.9e	6.75
82.0	36.2	Fin Trst	66.2	70.9	4.78
20.1	8.8	Inc Trst	16.4	17.6	8.17
19.7	10.4	High Yield	16.6	17.8	9.49
40.0	19.1	Secs Trst	32.7	35.0	6.05
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-229 1921			
25.3	12.5	Compound (1)	17.9	19.0e	12.62
26.8	14.1	Do Accum (1)	22.2	23.6	12.62
24.3	12.7	6½% Wdraw (1)	18.5	19.6	..
23.9	17.4	Preference	21.9	22.9e	14.30
26.4	19.8	Do Accum	26.4	27.4e	14.30
18.6	9.8	Cap (2)	13.7	14.7	..
26.2	11.1	Aust Comp Fnd	11.7	11.7	7.70
25.4	10.6	6% W'draw	10.3	10.9	..
25.7	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	20.0	21.3e	4.22
16.4	8.3	Fin & Prop (3)	12.9	13.9	5.36
30.8	21.3	Int Growth (4)	25.8	27.3	2.47
39.6	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	16.1	17.2	3.91
37.3	23.5	Commodity (3)	34.6	37.0	7.96
47.4	28.0	Do Accum (5)	43.7	46.7	7.96
38.5	24.1	10% W'draw (5)	35.0	37.0	..
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.5	31.7	Cap Fund	45.5	48.4	4.52
79.1	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	63.2	67.2e	8.47
55.6	32.1	Inc Fnd	44.8	47.6	10.07
74.2	41.5	KPIF	52.9	55.9e	4.32
		Lawson Securities.			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	25.6	27.6	1.37
28.8	21.4	Gilt & Warrant	27.4	29.9e	1.74
113.8	81.8	High Yield Fnd	105.3	113.3	13.60
120.7	84.1	Do Accum	114.4	122.4	13.60
75.1	47.5	Scottish Inc	68.8	71.8	3.30
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	67.6	72.6	3.30
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
46.4	23.6	Distribution	39.4	41.6	6.06
49.4	26.2	Do Accum	44.4	47.0	6.06
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 01-623 1288			
37.9	18.5	1st Income	31.5	33.8	3.74
47.0	22.6	Do Accum	39.1	42.0	3.74
42.6	20.7	2nd Income	36.1	38.8	4.28
49.7	23.0	Do Accum	42.1	46.2	4.28
60.6	32.5	3rd Income	51.1	54.9	8.07
73.2	37.9	Do Accum	61.0	65.5	8.07
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.1	76.7	M & G General	105.7	113.1e	6.71
178.2	103.9	Do Accum	145.7	155.9	6.71
121.8	74.1	2nd Gen	101.9	108.0e	6.01
163.1	85.5	Do Accum	138.4	146.7	6.01
96.8	52.0	Mid & Gen	75.1	80.3	9.22
126.1	72.1	Do Accum	106.4	113.9	9.22
75.5	38.8	Div Fnd	62.0	66.7e	10.61
121.1	60.8	Do Accum	99.4	105.4	10.61
101.5	59.2	Special Trst	75.4	79.9	5.15
110.6	66.2	Do Accum	86.1	91.3	5.15
239.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	167.6	176.0e	4.81
262.7	145.2	Do Accum	194.8	204.5	4.81
50.2	28.9	FITS	42.4	45.4	3.96
55.9	29.5	Do Accum	47.3	50.6	3.96
75.0	46.9	Compound	62.8	66.6	4.10
115.0	77.0	Recovery	99.4	106.4	8.78
49.4	24.3	Extra Yield	41.4	43.9	12.16
55.2	28.2	Do Accum	46.2	49.0	12.16
108.9	68.9	Japan	90.7	96.8	1.19
52.8	34.4	Euro & Gen	43.3	46.1	3.54
35.9	18.5	American & Gen	30.2	32.2	2.35
58.1	25.8	Australasian	40.6	43.2	2.51
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	31.3	33.3	4.20
44.1	21.2	Do Accum	31.8	33.9	4.20
97.3	53.3	Trustee Fnd	80.3	84.7	8.44
154.4	85.2	Do Accum	132.2	139.5	8.44
112.5	54.9	Charifund* (2)	94.3	95.7e	8.81
97.1	62.5	Pension* (1)	79.1	83.5	6.73
33.6	19.3	NAACIP	28.3	..	12.93
27.9	17.0	Do Accum	20.7	..	12.93
47.3	30.6	M&G Conv	40.7	43.1	1.83
52.9	32.4	Clyde Gen	45.5	48.2	6.46
65.6	39.1	Do Accum	56.6	60.0	6.46
66.3	33.0	Clyde High Inc	47.0	49.9e	12.74
75.7	43.7	Do Accum	65.0	68.9	12.74
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
40.0	20.7	NPI Accum (13)	33.4	35.6	3.40
36.0	19.1	Do Dist (15)	30.1	32.1	3.40
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Acc	111.7	118.3	3.30
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Dis	111.7	118.3	3.30
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP 01-637 6044			
52.4	30.8	Capital	45.8	48.9	3.74
28.3	14.5	Income	24.5	26.1	6.92
35.1	19.9	Financial	29.3	31.3e	4.11
79.5	45.9	Growth	66.8	71.0e	4.39
50.0	47.9	Extra Income	45.7	48.8	9.22
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	113.0	Equity	118.0	125.0	3.22
118.5	77.4	Income Fund	98.2	104.4	7.71
99.3	60.9	International	87.1	92.0e	2.13
95.3	76.9	Smaller Co's	80.6	85.7	5.00
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG 0603 22200			
204.3	85.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	166.3	175.3	7.73
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
38.8	24.6	Financial	29.1	31.0	4.64
20.5	12.8	General	14.7	15.6	4.57
36.7	20.8	Growth Accum	23.5	24.9	6.06
26.0	18.9	Do Income	20.9	22.2	6.06
24.4	14.6	High Income	18.1	19.2	8.08
20.2	11.0	Investment	17.3	18.4	3.47
28.4	19.3	Overseas	21.1	22.4e	3.78
42.0	27.9	Performance	36.0	38.3	4.96
20.6	13.3	Progressive	17.1	18.2e	6.66
21.1	12.8	Recovery	18.5	19.7e	6.53
		Pearl-Montague Trust Managers Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441			
19.8	10.2	Growth	16.1	17.4	4.76
20.7	10.8	Do Accum	17.5	18.9	4.76
22.9	13.3	Income	19.0	20.5	8.51
28.7	15.1	Trust	23.8	25.6	5.22
33.0	17.8	Do Accum	27.8	29.9	5.22
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
55.4	30.2	Pelican	47.4	49.7	6.06
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management.			
		48 Hart St, Henly on Thames. 04912 6868			
94.5	46.5	Perpetual Grth	78.0	82.8	5.10
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	21.7	Inc & Growth	24.0	26.0	3.70
33.8	20.6	Extra Inc	24.0	26.0e	10.60
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
68.3	27.5	Portfolio Cap	33.8	34.0	6.94
72.9	32.2	Growth With Inc	41.7	45.9e	8.80
41.6	16.2	Private Port	24.2	27.7e	4.68
50.2	33.7	Shenley Port	51.6	56.3	4.44
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1 01-623 8893			
118.1	60.1	Practical Inc	101.0	108.4	3.72
152.7	76.6	Do Accum (3)	136.6	141.5	3.75
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		222 Bishopsgate, EC2 01-247 6533			
62.6	39.0	Prolific	53.3	58.0	3.63
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	59.8	64.1	0.41
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers.			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222			
90.3	46.3	Prudential	71.3	76.0	5.66
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
38.4	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	31.1	36.1	4.09
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
54.7	34.8	Universal Grth	48.1	51.5	2.86
45.0	25.7	Capital Accum	37.8	40.5e	5.24
41.9	23.0	General	34.1	36.5	5.36
41.6	21.9	High Return	33.5	35.9e	7.92
62.2	41.8	Commodity	52.5	56.2	6.02
54.1	31.6	Energy	48.7	52.2	2.60
35.0	23.2	Financial	27.7	29.7	4.32
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	31.9	34.0	5.15
99.8	44.2	Select Grth (9)	72.5	75.8	1.63
76.9	36.6	Select Inc (9)	63.8	66.7	8.37
187.6	133.3	Comm Pen (3)	149.6	160.0e	6.48
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.6	17.1	Capital	33.7	35.4	2.32
64.3	36.9	Financial Secs	51.0	54.6	2.46
22.2	10.9	Investment	18.2	19.5	4.39
76.0	52.9	Euro Growth	69.9	74.8	1.54
69.7	42.3	Japan Growth	61.5	65.8	0.64
72.6	43.7	US Growth	61.3	65.6	0.72
34.4	19.2	General	27.1	29.0e	5.37
42.5	27.2	High Yield	33.9	36.3	7.70
32.6	19.2	Income	28.7	30.9	9.29
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.3	22.1	Scotbits	29.9	32.2e	3.85
39.5	22.4	Scotyields	32.9	35.2	7.52
43.8	24.6	Scotgrowth	36.2	38.8	4.25
43.4	22.2	Scotshares	32.7	35.0	5.14
219.0	133.5	Scotfunds	185.2	198.3	1.59
39.8	20.4	Scotincome	33.3	35.1	7.87
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, EC3. 01-242 6252			
83.8	40.1	Capital (16)	63.3	65.5e	3.71
90.1	44.5	Do Accum	71.7	74.3	3.71
108.6	55.2	Income (16)	91.0	94.3e	9.41
136.3	69.3	Do Accum	117.0	121.2	9.41
50.7	34.0	General (3)	41.2	42.9e	5.17
56.0	26.1	Do Accum	47.6	49.5	5.17
42.8	27.8	Europe (18)	33.2	34.2	3.22
43.8	28.0	Do Accum	33.8	35.7	3.22
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.			
		28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
38.7	25.0	Equitable (2)	32.1	34.1	6.95
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		Jessel Britannia Group			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs. EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
74.7	67.2	Jessel Exempt	64.1	67.3	9.59
41.0	19.2	Do Extra Inc	24.5	26.4e	10.56
31.5	16.4	Do City of Ldn	31.3	33.7e	5.17
23.7	15.3	Do Invest	21.9	23.5e	7.37
15.7	8.9	Do Prop & G	9.7	10.4	4.45
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs. EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0476/9			
62.5	35.7	Growth	49.6	53.4	8.99
56.6	27.4	Assets	42.9	46.2	8.08
26.9	15.7	Brit High Inc	20.3	21.9	13.54
38.0	23.3	Capital Accum	32.1	34.6	5.26
40.0	21.3	Cap Growth	25.3	27.2	6.57
21.2	19.2	Far East Fnd	18.0	19.4	4.29
38.7	29.9	Financial	31.8	34.2	3.88
33.1	18.9	General Fund	23.4	25.1	6.39
83.4	36.2	Global Grth	45.5	49.0	2.88
171.8	132.5	Gold & General	137.7	148.0e	5.18
55.8	35.8	High Income	45.5	49.0	8.61
47.6	27.6	Income Units	35.3	37.9	9.33
27.6	18.2	International	19.3	20.7e	4.59
37.5	20.2	New Issue	22.7	24.4	6.96
47.7	29.4	Plant & Gen	34.6	37.2	8.75
434.5	259.1	Professional	359.5	370.7	5.01
21.2	13.6	Status Change	16.1	17.8	8.56
141.4	82.3	Unit 'D'	122.3	131.5	4.12
115.0	81.6	Minerals Txt	87.6	94.3	4.91
28.0	24.6	North American	23.9	25.7	2.80
41.6	23.8	Century	33.3	35.8	4.90
68.2	41.4	Nat High Inc	34.2	55.2	8.80
31.7	18.2	Investors Gen	24.0	25.8	5.92
110.2	74.8	Provident Inv	88.9	91.7e	5.50
56.3	29.1	Scot Units	44.6	48.0	4.98
42.5	28.7	Shield	33.9	36.6	5.28
68.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	51.7	55.8	4.01
68.1	40.1	Commodity Shre	51.6	55.5	6.34
35.4	19.9	Domestic	25.3	27.3	6.80
41.9	28.0	Hundred Secs	35.9	38.6	5.85
39.8	21.7	Inv Tst Shares	32.8	35.0	4.76
		National Group.			
		35 Norwich St, EC4. 01-831 6212			
41.0	26.3	Comm Cons	29.9	32.2e	4.21
50.9	34.9	Gas Ind Power	41.8	45.0e	4.16
79.5	26.3	Invest Sec Gen	41.3	44.5e	5.00
43.4	26.7	National Cons	35.7	38.5e	4.56
82.7	51.5	Natural Res	58.7	54.5	5.03
79.8	36.6	Security First	49.6	53.3	5.82
55.5	36.3	Shamrock	41.9	45.1e	4.97
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	79.4	83.6	5.04
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers.			
		45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
66.6	26.2	American	47.4	51.3	2.83
106.0	52.7	British Cap	84.7	91.7	4.26
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd.			
		Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141			
120.0	106.0	Exempt Eq Tst	120.0	126.0	4.75
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
74.3	46.9	Family Fund	54.7	58.2	3.62
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
28.4	15.1	Consumer	20.7	22.1	7.48
53.8	31.4	Financial	41.0	44.0	5.39
34.4	18.3	Equity	25.3	27.0e	6.97
141.1	81.1	Exempt	116.6	120.8	6.34
168.1	94.4	Do Accum (3)	139.9	144.3	6.34
27.4	15.4	Growth	20.3	21.7	4.93
28.8	17.7	International	24.2	25.8	2.26
27.3	18.0	Do Re-invest	24.3	26.2	2.26
36.2	12.0	Investment	19.7	21.1	3.07
128.0	72.0	Professional (3)	97.3	101.3	6.12
15.8	11.0	Income	15.7	16.7	9.30
13.2	9.8	Preference	11.8	12.7	13.59
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
28.2	14.6	Eagle	20.7	21.7e	3.40
29.1	16.8	Thistle	25.1	26.8	7.40
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	38.6	40.8	3.85
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
31.7	18.6	General	25.9	27.6e	4.37
37.0	17.8	Do Accum	30.6	32.7	4.37
59.4	45.9	Scottish	50.3	53.0	3.30
59.4	45.9	Do Accum	50.3	53.0	3.30
		Transatlantic & General Securities.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
66.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	51.6	54.9e	4.32
84.0	41.0	Do Accum	70.8	75.3	6.32
154.2	100.0	Barrington Fnd	128.6	134.7e	6.00
154.2	100.0	Do Accum	130.3	136.5	6.00
71.2	44.7	Buckingham (4)	69.7	63.5e	4.21
77.7	49.2	Do Accum	65.2	71.3	4.21
99.6	49.4	Colemco	84.0	89.4	3.30
107.8	52.4	Do Accum	91.0	97.2	3.30
143.6	97.4	Endeavour	128.0	134.1	3.91
48.9	29.3	Glen Fund (2)	35.4	38.6	6.02
52.6	32.9	Do Accum	40.8	44.5	6.02
57.3	47.8	G'chester* (3)	78.8	82.4	2.84
88.2	64.0	Ldn & Brus'ls*	78.8	80.5	3.32
46.8	31.1	Marlborough	42.2	44.4	4.09
51.8	32.6	Do Accum	41.7	47.0	4.09
50.0	30.6	Merlin (3)	34.3	35.7e	8.12
68.3	39.1	Do Accum	36.6	40.4	8.12
43.4	23.5	Merlin Yield	33.4	35.1	10.09
47.3	24.1	Do Accum	35.4	37.2	10.09
39.7	19.9	Vanguard (2)	33.1	35.6	3.84
45.2	32.4	Do Accum	36.9	38.5	3.84
49.2	21.0	Wickmoor	41.4	43.4	8.63
53.3	32.4	Do Accum	45.0	47.2	8.63
		Trident Funds.			
		(Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.)			
		140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
32.0	10.7	Performance	13.7	14.8e	5.88
39.0	21.8	Income Fund	32.4	34.3e	10.61
33.3	18.4	10% Withdrwl	24.8	26.2e	..
31.6	18.4	Int Growth	43.8	46.6e	3.43
39.2	21.2	Amer Growth	26.1	27.8	..
24.7	18.0	Nil Yield Fnd	24.3	25.8	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
82.6	43.2	Income	66.4	69.8	8.40
120.0	65.8	Do Accum	103.8	109.5	8.40
101.4	52.8	Capital	78.4	80.4	4.90
122.8	66.4	Do Accum	98.8	104.0	4.90
72.8	34.6	Canynge Fund	57.6	60.6	5.71
103.1	38.4	Do Accum	65.0	68.4	5.71
89.6	43.0	Exempt*	70.5	74.4	5.19
103.4	51.8	Do Accum	86.8	91.2	5.19
79.4	38.6	Local Auth*	34.4	36.2	4.38
98.6	44.6	Do Accum	62.9	66.0	4.38
194.6	100.2	Int Earn Fnd	156.5	164.8	3.91
197.4	100.2	Do Accum	160.4	168.6	3.91
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol 0272 32241			
114.0	60.4	Income (2)	97.8	101.4	6.45
139.6	80.0	Do Accum	122.2	126.0	6.45
105.8	52.2	Capital (2)	86.6	90.6	4.18
113.2	58.6	Do Accum	98.2	102.8	4.18
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M 01-623 4951			
98.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	85.0	90.0e	7.75
29.1	17.8	Gt Winchester	15.1	16.3e	7.95
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	13.0	14.1e	7.90
		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1-3 St. Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111			
37.9	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	27.1	28.5	..
28.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	19.1	20.3	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	111.7	118.8	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	105.6	112.1	..
71.1	37.8	Select Fund (3)	57.1	61.9	..
106.1	100.0	Conv Fund	106.1	112.6	..
100.6	100.0	Money Fund	100.6	106.1	..
145.4	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	113.1	120.0	..
62.2	37.3	Do Select (3)	31.9	32.2	..
106.9	100.0	Do Security	101.7	107.9	..
108.1	100.0	Do Managed	106.8	112.3	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
95.7	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	95.7	100.7	..
97.0	100.0	Do Accum	97.0	102.1	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	110.5	116.3	..
128.5	100.0	Do Accum	112.7	118.7	..
107.5	100.0	Property Fnd	95.0	100.0	..
96.9	100.0	Do Accum	96.0	101.1	..
98.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	97.9	103.1	..
99.3	100.0	Do Accum	99.1	104.3	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	107.1	112.7	..
117.6	100.0	Do Accum	106.5	114.2	..
97.3	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	96.9	102.0	..
98.3	100.0	Do Accum	98.3	103.5	..
97.0	100.0	Property Pen	96.1	101.2	..
97.8	100.0	Do Accum	97.4	102.5	..
99.5	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	99.2	104.5	..
100.9	100.0	Do Accum	100.8	106.0	..
122.3	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	110.2	116.0	..
123.3	100.0	Do Accum	111.8	117.7	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton. BN1 1EE. 0273 21017			
107.5	100.0	Triad Man Bond	101.0	106.0	..
		Atlantic Assurance (see Property Growth Assu)			
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
88.1	66.0	Barclaybonds	79.0	83.2	..
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Growth	41.0	..	..
104.3	53.5	Retirement	93.7	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.05	7.38	Equity Units	£10.81	..	..
111.0	67.0	Do Accum	101.0	..	..
77.0	48.0	Do Annuity	68.0	..	..
969.0	714.0	Prop Units	733.0	..	..
962.0	756.0	Do Accum	827.0	..	..
9.64	7.94	Exec Bal	£9.37	..	..
8.15	5.06	Exec Equity	£7.33	..	..
11.35	9.32	Exec Prop	£9.71	..	..
9.90	8.40	Bal Bond	£9.71	10.28	..
8.15	5.35	Equity Bond	£7.33	7.71	..
11.35	7.76	Prop Bond	£7.33	7.76	..
9.64	7.94	Bal Units	£9.37	..	..
94.5	100.0	Deposit Bnd	94.8	100.3	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon. CR0 2JA. 01-684 9644			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	71.1	74.8	..
50.9	45.6	Prop Units	45.9	48.1	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9644			
		Valuation last working day of month			
48.1	41.5	W'minster Units	42.9	45.0	..
68.2	57.2	Land Bank	58.4	..	..
44.8	33.1	Speculator	34.1	..	..
135.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	134.0	136.8	..
103.7	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	103.7	109.1	..
38.4	33.3	Equity Fnd	31.9	33.5	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
121.1	48.9	Performance	119.1	..	..
119.0	113.2	Balanced	119.0	125.2	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group.			
		St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
34.1	18.4	Variable An Acc	29.1	..	..
18.6	10.2	Do Ann	11.3	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance.			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 18th of month.			
110.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	95.5	..	..
48.5	25.0	GS Special	37.0	..	..
119.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	113.0	119.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
113.0	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	110.9	..	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.8	50.8	Crusader Prop	51.6	57.4	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.5	Eagle Units	31.5	32.7	7.30
40.7	23.8	Midland Units	31.5	32.7	7.30
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd.			
		30 Charles II St, SW1 01-930 3404			
48.9	31.5	Am Grth Fnd (1)	44.6	46.9	..
23.2	18.0	Flexible Fnd	20.6	21.7	..
44.4	32.6	Trst of Trsts	42.4	45.2	..
46.9	35.1	Do Cap	45.8	48.0	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
139.4	121.9	Prop Bond	130.1	135.5	..
101.3	89.9	Pen Man Bonds	100.4	105.7	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	107.1	112.8	..
129.5	73.2	Equity	106.0	111.6	..
134.7	108.5	Property	117.8	121.0	..
107.8	73.1	Managed Cap	97.4	102.6	..
119.3	90.7	Do Accum	110.1	115.9	..
142.5	134.0	Pen Prop Cap	137.5	144.8	..
152.8	131.9	Do Accum	144.5	152.1	..
129.7	121.0	Pen Man Cap	121.3	128.4	..
149.3	137.8	Do Accum	153.5	161.6	..
113.9	100.0	Pen FI Cap	108.3	114.1	..
118.3	100.0	Do Accum	114.2	120.3	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.6	Prop Bond	29.4	31.0	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
150.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	121.9	127.3	..
115.3	76.4	Fortune Man (5)	105.3	110.9	..
102.7	100.0	Money Fnd	102.7	108.1	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
49.0	27.3	Hodge Bonds	39.6	41.7	..
54.4	40.8	Takeover	50.2	53.5	..
24.7	35.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada			
		Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford 71255			
49.6	30.2	Growth Fnd (5)	42.9	46.7	..
41.3	30.8	Pension Fnd	38.1	40.3	..

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		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
[illegible]					
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance			
[illegible]					
		Irish Life Assurance.			
[illegible]					
		Langham Life Assurance.			
[illegible]					
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
[illegible]					
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
[illegible]					
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
[illegible]					
		M & G Assurance.			
[illegible]					
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
[illegible]					
		Pearl Montague Assurance			
[illegible]					
		Phoenix Assurance.			
[illegible]					
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
[illegible]					
		Property Growth Assurance.			
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		Schroder Life Group.			
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		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd.			
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		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
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		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
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		Target Life Assurance.			
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		Tyndall Assurance.			
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INSURANCE

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
70	19	Bowring	70	..	3.2	6.3	..
108	33	Brentnall Beard	56	..	4.7	8.5	6.4
164	59	Britannic	116	-2	10.5	8.9	..
180	66	Com Union	144	+3	10.2	7.1	..
146	44	Eagle Star	103	..	7.1	6.7	..
216	50	Equity & Law	135	+2	7.6	5.5	..
175	62	Gen Accident	141	+1	8.1	5.7	..
220	84½	Guardian Royal	175	..	11.6b	6.6	..
154	45	Hafford Shead	175	..	8.1	4.6	10.9
232	76	Heath C. E.	203	+1	9.4	4.6	9.6
158	40	Hogg Robinson	122	-1	6.1	5.0	11.9
138	30	Howden A.	119	+1	3.2	2.7	13.5
150½	58½	Legal & Gen	110	+2	6.7b	6.1	..
125	33	Leslie & Godwin	101	..	5.2	5.2	13.0
142	48	London & Man	92	+1	6.5	7.1	..
205	62	Matthews W'son	150	..	11.5	7.5	12.5
165½	44	Minet Hldgs	127	+1	3.1	2.5	14.4
224	81	Pearl	167	+1	14.2	..	..
236	103	Phoenix	196	+2	12.7b	6.5	..
128	60	Prov Life 'A'	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
126	60	Do A Br	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
128	60	Do B	116	..	9.4	8.6	..
128	60	Do B Br	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
142½	60	Prudential	110	+2	7.8b	7.1	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	205	-3	18.7	9.1	..
180	48	Do B	102	..	9.3	9.1	..
338	120	Royal	264	+2	18.7	7.0	..
265	93	Sedg. Forbes	217	-4	10.9	5.0	16.5
121	27	Stenhouse	69	..	4.8	7.0	8.1
445½	207½	Sun Alliance	370	..	23.7b	6.4	..
91	31	Sun Life	70	+1	4.0b	5.7	..
185	78	Trade Indem'ty	130	..	9.9	7.6	..

OIL

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	3½	Ampol Pet	41	..	2.7	7.1	11.0
91	33	Attock	60	..	..	..	..
151	39	Berry Wiggins	72	+1	2.9	4.0	15.5
180	66	Brit Borneo	144	+2	7.8	5.4	17.9
544	191	BP	472	-5	25.2	5.3	3.4
498	27	Burmah Oil	26	..	..	..	..
39	11½	C F Petroles	123	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
198	32	Oil Exploration	63	+1	2.4	3.8	29.3
10¼	3	Premier Cons	11½	..	..	..	..
30¾	8	Ranger Oil	112¾	+¼	..	..	..
31	14¾	Royal Dutch	123¾	..	140	5.5	4.5
336	119	Shell	264	+1	17.9	6.2	7.7
159¾	13½	Tricentrol	43	se-2	..	..	..
240	66	Ultramar	171	+2	..	..	3.3

RUBBER

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39¾	25	Anglo-Indonesia	33	..	3.9	11.7	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	39½	..	3.1	5.2	..
118	57	Castlefield	87	..	3.0	3.5	..
32½	16	Chersonese	26	..	1.6	6.1	..
66	26	Cons Plant	57½	..	4.4	8.2	..
24	8½	Doranakando	6¼	..	1.4	16.0	..
56	27	F. Asiatic	31	-1	2.5	4.0	..
73	36	Gadek	56	..	2.8	5.0	..
58	28	Golden Hope	47½	..	2.9	6.1	..
8½	4¼	Grand Central	8	..	0.6	7.4	..
345½	106½	Guthrie Corp	147	s -1	26.9	11.3	..
57½	24	Hghlds & Low	36½	..	1.5	4.0	..
100	45	Hongkong	47	..	6.0	12.8	..
150	87	Killinghall	99	..	5.5	5.6	..
33½	15½	Kulim Grp	23	+½	2.1	9.1	..
57½	26	Ldn Asiatic	47½	-½	3.3	4.8	..
76½	20	Ldn Sumatra	29½	..	1.7	5.9	..
17½	16½	Majedie	25	..	0.8	3.2	..
14½	5¼	Malayalam	7	-½	..	..	..
91	41	Muar River	42	..	2.0	4.7	..
53	26	Pataling	42	-½	3.1	7.4	..
50	20½	Plant Hldgs	36½	-3½	2.5	6.9	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£10	-¼	46.5	4.7	..

TEA

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
88	50	Assam Frontier	86	..	10.0	11.6	..
54	28	Assam Inv	43	..	4.7	11.0	..
48	27	Camellia Inv	45	..	2.2	4.9	..
56	20	Clairmace	56	+2	9.2	16.5	..
112	76	Crosby Hse	100	..	13.1	12.0	..
32	12	Deundi	19	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolabat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
120	65	Jokai	120	..	10.3b	8.5	..
150	45	McLeod Russel	70	..	9.2b	13.2	..
98	50	Moran	95	..	8.1a	8.3	..
31	22	Ouvah Highfds	30	..	2.2	7.3	..
44	21	Peacock Sasmi	36	..	3.8	10.7	..
25	13	Sihn India	24	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surman Valley	16	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	72	-3	9.1	12.6	..
45	20	Western Dooars	45	..	6.0	13.3	..
80	56	Williamson Hldgs	67	..	6.9	10.3	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11¼	8¾	Algoma Cen Rly	£9¼	+¼	25.0	2.8	14.8
20	5	Antofagasta	£10½	..	..	..	6.2
45	12	Calcutta Elec	23	+1	..	..	..
80	34	E Surrey W 7%	£40½	..	700	17.3	..
33½	25½	Essex Wtr 5%	£31	..	500	16.1	..
202	46	Felixstowe Dock	64	..	9.7	15.2	8.2
385	100	Imp Cont Gas	342	+18	10.4	3.0	21.4
430	110	LRT Hldgs	120	k ..	3.1	2.6	..
35½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£30½	..	500	16.4	..
133	36	Milford Docks	62	-3	..	..	11.7
100	58	Nigerian Elec	95	..	11.8	12.4	..
385	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	367	..	24.6	6.7	13.3
35½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31	..	500	16.1	..

SHIPPING

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	82	Brit & Comm	163	..	11.6	7.1	7.5
95	60	Fisher J.	75	..	3.6	4.8	3.9
250	103	Furness Withy	230	-4	9.4	4.1	5.2
160	43	Hill C. Bristol	60	..	4.0	6.7	..
310	65	Hunting Gibson	150	..	13.9	9.2	1.9
42½	14	Jacobs J. I.	16	..	2.3	14.2	4.7
69½	17	Ldn & Overseas Fr	30	-½	5.0	16.5	1.1
195	27	Manch Liners	185	..	7.5	3.8	5.3
121	50	Ocean Trans	97½	..	9.8a	10.1	9.1
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	84	-2	8.1	9.6	..
115	58	Runciman W	95	..	8.7b	9.1	4.0

MINES

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
680	250	Anal Colls	460	..	23.1	5.0	..
538	245	Anglo Am Corp	460	-5	27.5	3.9	..
49¾	20	Ang Am Gold	£38¾	-½	160	4.2	..
33	13¼	Anglo Am Inv	£32¼	..	179	5.6	..
18	6	Anglo Transvl	£14¼	..	61.2	4.1	..
18	6	Do A	£14¼	..	61.2	4.1	..
186	77	Ayer Hitam	130	..	14.6	11.2	..
56	11	Beralt Tin	12	..	..	..	..
135	43	Bishopsgate Pl	106	..	..	..	..
10¾	8½	Blyvoors	£8¾	-¼	63.5	7.2	..
280	44	Botswana RST	66	-6	..	..	..
360	182	Bracken Mines	290	..	36.3	12.5	..
234	128	BH South	150	..	7.3	4.9	..
22½	14½	Buffelsfontein	£19½	..	114	5.8	..
221	83	Charter Cons	166	..	9.6	5.7	..
287	154	Cons Gold Fields	234	-1	10.0	4.3	..
40	7	Daggafontein	16	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	306	..	15.3	5.0	..
14½	8¼	Doornfontein	£10⅝	..	70.2	6.5	..
23	7⅝	Durban Rood	£10⅝	-¼	23.3	2.2	..
195	45	East Daggs	68	+2	15.7	23.0	..
12⅝	5	E Driefontein	£10⅝	..	41.5	..	..
48	16	E Rand Cons	22	..	1.4	6.5	..
21	3⅞	E. Rand Prop	£10¼	-¼	24.3	2.4	..
455	180	Elsburg Gold	380	-10	29.6	..	..
17½	11	Ex-Lands	13	..	2.3	17.8	..
32⅝	10⅛	F S Geduld	£30	-½	191	6.4	..
420	200	Geduld Inv	410	..	23.0	5.6	..
300	190	Geevor Tin	190	..	30.6	16.1	..
38½	14½	Gen Mining	£32	..	134b	4.2	..
16	9	Gold & Base	13	..	1.4	10.6	..
287	150	Gopeng Cons	208	..	21.9	10.3	..
85	23	Gt Boulder Gold	72	h ..	1.2	..	..
310	130	Grootvlei	262	-8	12.1	4.6	..
185	74	Hamersley	145	..	..	..	..
167	50	Hampton Gold	100	e ..	1.8	1.8	..
10⅝	4⅝	Harmony	£8⅝	..	47.5	5.4	..
31	13¼	Hartebeest	£26¼	-¼	137	5.2	..
27½	8	Jo'burg Cons	£24¼	..	87.4	3.5	..
820	305	Kinross	715	..	35.1	4.9	..
15½	8⅞	Kloof	£10½	-¼	35.1	3.3	..
232	77	Leslie	123	-2	14.2	11.5	..
17¼	6⅞	Libanon	£10⅛	-¼	70.2	6.5	..
195	100	Ldn Tin	150	..	10.5	7.0	..
200	73	Lydenburg Plat	140	..	..	..	..
244	94	MIM Hldgs	187	..	5.9	3.2	..
150	82	MTD (Mangula)	80	..	8.2	10.3	..
220	85	Malayan Tin	154	..	15.3	9.8	..
710	280	Marievale Con	360	-5	27.1	7.5	..
330	150	Messina Trans	330	+5	20.4	6.2	..
77	22	Metals Explor	34	..	..	..	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
62	12	Ang-Cont Inv	33	-1	..	..	9.3
58	28	Argentine S Lnd	58	h ..	4.5b	7.7	10.0
150	50	Assam Trdng 'B'	126	..	2.6	2.0	..
29	11	Bousted	23	..	1.7	7.3	7.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Debt Serv	5	..	..	..	..
170	40	BET Dfd	62	-1	6.3	10.2	5.4
29½	8½	Cen & Sheer	14	+½	2.8	20.3	6.2
177	97	Challenge Corp	122	+1	7.0	5.7	6.9
27½	9	Chancery Cons	23	..	0.7	3.1	9.5
72	27	Charterhse Grp	35	-2	4.7	13.4	6.1
32	19	C Fin de Suez	£38	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Corinthian	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
220	90	Daily Mail Tst	147	..	14.7	10.0	11.4
220	90	Do A	147	..	14.7	10.0	11.4
285	83	Dalgety	183	+2	12.1	6.6	4.7
45	8	Dawnay Day	13	+1	..	..	..
24	4	Edin Ind Hldgs	12	..	..	..	..
22	6	Equit Est	18	f ..	2.7	14.8	..
33	10	Estates & Gen	13	-½	..	..	..
95	23	FC Finance	30	..	..	..	..
45	15	Goode D & M Grp	16	..	1.2	7.4	7.7
53	16	Hothfirm 'A'	42	+2	1.8	4.4	16.0
437	135	Inchcape	347	+4	10.1	2.9	11.6
28	14	Investment Co	17	..	..	..	..
66	17	Jessel Secs	11	f ..	3.3	47.7	..
42	6	Do Dfd	6	f ..	..	..	..
23	13	Kwahu Co	19	..	2.3b	12.2	9.1
80	34	Lloyds & Scot	54	..	4.6	8.6	11.0
70	34	Ldn & Euro Secs	38	+1	2.4	6.3	23.0
45	[illegible]	Ldn Aust & Gen	36	+¼	..	..	..
52	31½	Ldn Utd Inv	46½	..	3.3b	7.4	5.3
43	20	Manson Fin	25	..	3.2	20.8	6.3
80	20	Martin R. P.	34	..	8.2	15.2	8.3
64	10	Mercantile Credt	28¼	h ..	..	..	..
14½	24½	Moorgate Mere	14½	f ..	1.4	8.5	6.9
130	12	NMC Invest	20	-1	2.0	10.0	12.6
134	42	Prov Fin Grp	67	+1	5.9	8.8	8.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sime Darby	72	..	1.9	2.6	9.3
[illegible]	15	Smith Bros	34	..	5.2b	14.1	4.5
10½	6	Tyndall O'seas	£74	..	46.4	6.4	..
84	10	Utd Dom Tst	19	-1	..	..	8.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Vavasseur	4	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wagon Fin	21	..	2.2	10.7	8.1
36	17	Western Sel	23	..	1.6	7.0	6.0
48	19	Yule Catto	30	• ..	1.7	5.7	12.2

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 06.08.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	120.94	8.06	15.89	121.23
Largest Coys.	121.33	7.70	15.06	121.93
Smaller Coys.	119.68	9.24	18.58	118.42
Capital Goods	117.57	8.93	19.86	116.84
Consumer Goods	139.70	7.92	13.74	140.63
Store Shares	108.36	8.54	6.15	109.91
Largest financial shares	136.01	6.22	—	134.03
Largest financial and industrial shares	127.83	7.48	—	128.08
Commodity shares	222.90	4.45	13.14	223.08
Gold Mining shares	612.56	3.20	8.14	615.52
Industrial debenture stocks	77.29	7.80*	—	77.53
Industrial preference stocks	51.50	14.10*	—	51.56
3½% War Loan	25¼	13.85*	—	25¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	193.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	130.36 (06.08.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	193.47 (15.08.72)	154.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
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Rationalization the key to Leyland future



Special road wheels and a vinyl roof distinguish the top model in the Austin Allegro range, the 1750 High Line.

British Leyland officially comes under new management next week—ours and mine, in the last resort—and for the sake of jobs, exports, not to mention national prestige, you and I must wish it well.

The assumption by the Government of a controlling interest will not of itself cure such long-standing problems as labour relations, quality or the multiplicity of plants and products. But it should guarantee that the money is there to push through the rationalization and modernization on which Leyland's survival must depend.

Leyland is not exclusively a car manufacturer, though cars account for the bulk of turnover and are most in the public eye. That is why Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of the car division, has probably the most difficult and important job in the new Leyland. Whether it be new models, quality or production targets, his decisions will be crucial to the performance of the company as a whole.

The Ryder report inevitably criticized Leyland for having too many models and said the future range must be based on the minimum number of bodyshells, engines and components. In fairness to the company, rationalization was already under way: in 1968, when Leyland was formed, there were 17 different saloon cars (as counted in bodyshells) and eight sports cars. There are now nine saloons and six sports cars and, long before Ryder, plans had been drawn up to reduce the range still more so that by the early 1980s there could be only five basic saloons and three sports cars.

Already the broad outlines of the future model range are clear. Jaguar and Rover will offer one saloon each. Now. Triumph will cease to compete with Rover in the executive market and concentrate instead on smaller, performance cars such as the present Dolomite Sprint.

Of the Austin Morris range (five models at present), the Mini will continue and I understand that one effect of the Ryder report will be to push through a replacement more quickly than Leyland had planned, though it may still be a couple of years away. The Allegro, Marina and Maxi may eventually be superseded by a single car incorporating features from each.

The key to Leyland sports car production is the United States market which accounts for 80 per cent of sales. It will not be worth Leyland's while making sports cars unless the Americans want them. Assuming they do, Jaguar, Triumph and MG will continue to meet the demand. The TR7 has been well received in the United States and could set the pattern for future Triumphs, while Jaguar's successor to the E-Type will be unveiled next month.

On quality, Mr Whittaker declares himself to be a fanatic. He vows that the days have gone when Leyland would launch a new car with such obvious faults as the Maxi's gearbox or the Allegro's leaking boot, and is prepared to back his words against the new 18-22 Series.

Mr Whittaker will also be reviewing production strategy in the light of the depressed market and the prospects for recovery. Until about a year ago Leyland was talking of keeping volume car (Austin Morris) production at its present capacity—about 700,000 cars a year—while doubling both Rover Triumph output, to 450,000, and Jaguar production, to 60,000. The two latter targets were to have been reached by 1978 but they appear to have been put on ice until the trend of the market becomes clearer.

Another point for Mr Whittaker's consideration is the question of image. That may be more important than it sounds. To speak of a "Fiat" or a "Renault" or a "Ford" is to conjure up a certain type of car, and that must be a tremendous marketing advantage, particularly when selling in a foreign country. The trouble with "Austin" and "Morris" is that the names have ceased to have any meaning since the British Motor Corporation brought the two companies together in 1952.

BMC, indeed, devalued both marques by using them for the same car, the discredited practice of badge engineering. Leyland, in the early days, adopted a more sensible policy. The Maxi and Allegro were launched as Austins, the Marina as a Morris; "Austin" denoted the advanced engineering tradition of Sir Alec Issigonis, "Morris" a conventional car.

The policy may have been unfair to Morris, for Issigonis had been a Morris man before the BMC merger; but at least it was consistent. This spring, however, badge engineering reappeared on the 18-22 Series when almost identical cars were launched in Austin, Morris and Wolseley versions.

The traditional excuse for badge engineering is the need to offer a complete range of cars to different dealer networks; call a model a Morris and the Austin dealer cannot sell it. The solution, surely, with respect to two distinguished motor industry pioneers, is to scrap both names and call future models from Longbridge and Cowley simply "Leylands".

Road test: Austin Allegro 1750 HL

Probably the most important car to be launched by the "old" British Leyland was the Austin Allegro. Successor to the 1100, in its time the most popular British car, the Allegro set its sights high: with four engine options and, to start with, 16 different versions, it was designed to compete in 60 per cent of the market.

Despite a generally favourable critical reception the car got off to an unhappy start, running into reliability troubles, strikes, and then the oil crisis and the three-day week. Sales figures for the first half of the year show that the Allegro has picked up a little in the past 12 months, but is still only the fifth most successful model, behind the Escort, Cortina, Mini and Marina, and only just ahead of the Viva/Magnum.

Since the car was launched in May, 1973, Leyland has dropped the quartic wheel and reduced the number of saloons from 16 to nine; two estate versions were added to the range this summer. The boots no longer leak, and the Hydragas suspension has been stiffened a little to improve the ride. I have been taking a fresh look at the car in its most expensive guise, the HL (or High Line).

I suppose that if the Allegro were being introduced today it would have a door at the back; Volkswagen has one on the Golf, Fiat has recently added one to the 128. As it is, the Allegro is a roomy car for its size.

Performance on the 1750 models has been greatly improved by the application of twin carburettors to the overhead camshaft engine (first used in the Maxi) and few will complain of a 0 to 60 mph acceleration in about 11 seconds and a top speed of nearly 100 mph. Low-range torque is also good. Putting this unit into a small and light car means that fuel consumption is not greatly inferior to that of the smaller-engined models: I should expect most owners to return 27 to 32 mpg.

I feel that, as with the 18-22 cars, handling and ride are a matter of taste rather than critical judgment. The Hydragas suspension generally gives a softish ride, smoothing out the bumps well, though really bad potholes cause a crashing effect, and sustained undulating surfaces a tendency to wallow. The handling is certainly very safe, though some drivers may prefer less roll and a generally firmer response.

I suggest that the car offers three main areas for improvement. The five-speed gearbox is not the horror it was in the early days of the Maxi but first and second can still be difficult to engage and none of the changes is as smooth as it could be. Second, the engine is too rough and noisy for what is, after all, the flagship of the range. And the ventilation system is simply inadequate.

The HL costs £2,095 and has an impressive list of standard equipment: vinyl roof, sports road wheels, fog lamps, outside door mirrors, inertia-reel seat belts, head rests, tinted windows, clock and cigar-lighter. But I think I would trade most of them for a decent gearbox and a quieter engine.

Peter Waymark

Broadcasting

Hugh MacDiarmid (ITV 3.55) and Lord Shawcross (BBC1 10.55) do the day's chief talking. There is a new comedy to be sampled (ITV 7.0) and an established one to be enjoyed (BBC2 9.0). The pigeon discloses his private life (BBC1 6.25) and Fyfe Robertson reflects on food (BBC1 8.30). There is more ceremony from the Eisteddfod (BBC1 2.30). Another Cornish shipwreck is brought out of the past (BBC2 7.55). A foreign car is tested (ITV 10.30). The ordeal of J. Robert Oppenheimer, reconstructed in a programme brought back tonight in the Hiroshima sequence, is worth seeing for the acting of Stephen Murray and Lee Montague (BBC2 9.25).—

BBC 1

…am, Wacky Races. 10.10, … Jones.* 10.35-11.00, …n On. 1.00 pm, 'Steddfod 1.30, Ragtime. 1.45-1.53, … 2.30-3.30, Royal International Eisteddfod of Wales. … Play School. 4.50, Bed. 5.15, Newsround … 5.40, Sir Prancelot.
News. 6.00, Nationwide.
Private Lives: The Public Life of the Street Pigeon.
A Question of Sport.
Top of the Pops.
Ain't Half Hot Mum.
Fyfe Robertson on eating.
News.
War and Peace, by Tolstoy, part 6.
Lord Shawcross at Home, part 1.
Weather.
…k and White.

…nal variations (BBC 1): WALES: 1.00-1.30 pm, Trans… Closedown. 6.00-6.25, … Today. 6.50-7.00, Newyddion … 'Steddfod … LAND: 1.00-1.30 pm, Trans… Closedown. 6.00-6.25, … ting Scotland. 11.35, Scottish Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.00-1.30 pm, Transmitters down. 6.00-6.25, Scene … 11.35, Northern Ireland Headlines.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Urban Development; 7.05, The Golan Heights; 7.30-7.55, Psychology. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00 pm, Open University: Mining Villages; 5.25, Computers; 5.50, The Novel and TV (2); 6.15, Teaching Mechanisms; 6.40, Ingres; 7.05, Salvation and Politics.
7.30 Newsday.
7.55 Cornish Shipwreck: Part 4, The Mullion Pin Wreck.
8.10 Vienna 1900: Games with Love and Death, The Man of Honour.
9.00 All in the Family.
9.25 J. Robert Oppenheimer—Security Risk?: taken verbatim from the official transcript.
10.45 Gardeners' World.
11.15 News.
11.34-11.35. Lyndon Brook reads Song for Tasso, by Shelley.

Thames

10.50 am, A Big Country. 11.20, Spiderman. 11.40, Galloping Gourmet. 12.05 pm, Elephant Boy. 12.30, Larry the Lamb. 12.40, Rainbow. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Time to Work. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Film: Destination Inner Space, with Scott Brady, Sheree North, Gary Merrill, John Howard. 3.55, Hugh MacDiarmid—A Poet and his times. 4.25, Rainbow. 4.45, Cartoon. 4.50, Cowboy in Africa.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Comedy Premiere, What a Turn Up, with Bernard Lee.
7.30 Griff.
8.30 This Week.
9.00 Moody and Pegg.
10.00 News.
10.30 Drive-In.
11.00 Music Makes me Happy. Sir Geraint Evans, Marisa Robles.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 Go and Do Likewise?

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: Fools Rush In, with Sally Ann Howes, Nigel Buchanan.* 3.55, Thames. 4.25, The Funky Phantom. 4.50, Castaway. 5.30, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Barnaby Jones. 8.00, Comedy Premiere: What a Turn Up. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Gardening. 11.00, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.30, What the Papers Say. 11.45, Father Paschal.

Southern

11.00 am, Yoga for Health. 11.20, Our Asian Neighbours. 11.45, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.05 pm, Skippy. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Film: Flame of Araby, with Jeff Chandler, Maureen O'Hara. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50, The Beachcombers. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.05, Film: Destination Inner Space, with Scott Brady, Sheree North, Gary Merrill. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Film: Cotter, with Don Murray, Carol Lynley. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

10.30 am, Catch Kandy. 10.50, It's Fun to Read. 11.00, A Place to Live. 11.15, The Nature of Things. 12.10 pm, The Amazing Chan. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, What on Earth. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: Merle Oberon and Ralph Richardson in The Lion Has Wings.* 3.55, Thames. 4.25, The Osmonds. 4.50, Survival. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.05, Rock on with 45. 6.35, Lucy. 7.05, Combat. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20-12.20 am, Strange Report.

Westward

11.25 am, Let's Face It. 11.50, Tomfoolery Show. 12.18 pm, Skippy. 12.38, Gus Honeybun. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: The Rising of the Moon, with Cyril Cusack.* 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Cowboy in Africa. 5.20, The Protectors. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.32, Westward News. 10.35, Places Where They Sing. 11.00, Night Gallery. 11.25, Faith for Life.

Anglia

…pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia … 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women … 2.30, Paradise … 3.55, Thames. … Romper Room. 4.55, The … ing Clan. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Anglia. 6.35, Arena. 6.35, … 7.00, Gambit. 7.30, The Protectors. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. … Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.00, Maude. 11.30, Drive-In. 11.55, The Living Word.

Yorkshire

…pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar … 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: … Astronaut, with Jackie Cooper … Markham. 3.55, Thames. … Tarzan. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, … Gang. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, … es. 10.30, Calendar People. … Gold Is Where You Find It. … 12.00, Drive In.

Border

…pm, Thames. 1.25, Border … 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women … 2.30, Film, Run Simon Run, Burt Reynolds, Inger Stevens. … Dumo. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, … Kandy. 4.50, Fantastic … 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Border … 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Movin' On. … ATV. 8.30, Thames. 11.00, … ry in the Unknown. 11.55, … News Summary.

Grampian

…pm, Lunchtime … 12.40, … 1.20, Grampian News … 1.30, Thames. 2.00, … Only. 2.30, Film: Law and … with Ronald Reagan, Dorothy Malone. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, … 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Grampian … 6.10, Top Cat. 6.35, ATV. … Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, … 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Lord … of Flee. 11.00, Look … 11.30, Prayers.

Tyne Tees

…pm, Starting Point. 12.40, … 1.26, Where the Jobs Are. … Thames. 2.00, Women Only. … Film: The Hands of Cormac … with Stephen Boyd, Cyril … 3.55, Thames. 4.25, … 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, … 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. … The Zoo Gang. 8.00, Thames. … Musical Triangles. 11.00, A … in History. The Royal Institution … 11.30, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

HTV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Film: The Last Child, with Van Heflin, Harry Guardino. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Around the World in 80 Days. 4.50, Shang a Lang. 5.20, Help! 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Survival. 7.00, Jason King. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 11.00, The Baron. 11.55, Weather. HTV CYMRU WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 2.30, Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales. 3.30-3.55, Cartoontime. 4.25, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Miri Mawr. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 8.30, Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Dwyfor. 10.30, Countryside. 11.00-11.55, Second Night. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Sport West.

Scottish

11.50 am, Flipper. 12.15, Alphabet Soup. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: Young and Eager, with Diane McBain, Arthur Kennedy.* 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, Kiri. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Isabel. 7.00, The Persuaders. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35-11.55, Bones.

Ulster

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film: The Riders, with Leif Erickson, Robert Tosworth. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Lost in Space. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 11.00, The Adventurer. 11.30-11.40, Who Matters?

Radio

1

6.00 am, News. Simon Bates. 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 11.00, Rosko. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Johnnie Walker. 2.02, David Hamilton. 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Bob Harris. 7.02, Pras and Cons. 7.32, Robin Richmond. 8.02, Folk 75. 8.30, Folkweave. 9.02, Edmundo Ros. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Don Durbridge. 12.0, News. 12.05 am, Don Durbridge. 12.31, News Summary.
Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon. 8.27, Racing Bulletin. 9.02, Pete Murray. 11.30, Waggoners' Walk. 11.45, Jimmy Young. 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, J. S. Bach. 8.00, News. 8.05, J. C. Bach. 8.00, News. 8.05, Auric, Godard, Jean Françaix, Milhaud. 9.00, News. 9.05, Schubert. 9.45, Settings of Emily Dickinson: David Carlisle, Copland. 10.30, Orion Piano Trio: Debussy, David Lumsdaine, Ravel. 11.40, Reading. 11.45, Orion Piano Trio, part 2. Schubert. 12.30 pm, Weber, Strauss.
1.00, News. 1.05, Beethoven. 1.40, Vivaldi. 2.40, Piano Recital: Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert. 4.00, Alexander Zemlinsky. 4.25, Concert, part 1: Danzi, Milhaud, Hindemith. 5.00, Reading. 5.05, Concert, part 2: Arnold, Nielsen. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.40, Voci dall Italia. 7.00, Workface Europe. 7.30, Music in Question.
8.00, Prom: The Rake's Progress, opera by Stravinsky: Act 1. Act 2, scenes 1 and 2. 9.10, American Poetry: Review. 9.35, Prom: The Rake's Progress: Act 2, scene 3: Act 3. 11.05, Britten. 11.25-11.30, News.

4

6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Woman's World. 11.50, It's An Odd World. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Morecambe and Wise Show. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Chubb. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Stories of Hans Andersen. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Any Answers? 8.00, Three Love Stories. No 3 Mrs Bathurst. 8.45, People in Glass Houses. Are we all Middle-class now? 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Cabbages and Kings. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

BATEMAN.—On August 5, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Carolyn (nee Hunter) and John—a daughter (Diana Sarah).
BENSON.—On 5th August, to Jane (nee Boulton) and Peter—a son, a brother for Candida.
CAMPBELL.—On August 5th to Ann (nee Consett) and Charles—a son, Oliver.
CLEVELAND.—On August 6th at Old Amersham to Rosalind (nee Sancroft-Baker) and Geoffrey Cleveland—a son (David).
COKE.—On August 5th, 1975, at The Queen Elizabeth Maternity Hospital, King's Lynn, Norfolk, to Valerie, wife of Edward—a son.
DUGDALE MOORE.—On August 5, at Westminster Hospital, to Jan (nee Duriac) and Anthony—a son (Nicholas Wreyford).
ENGELBACH.—On August 6th at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Diana (nee Kreyer) and David—a daughter (Jacqueline Louise), a sister for Amanda.
FARRINGTON.—On August 6th, at Melbourne, Australia, to Angela (nee Matthews) and Richard Farrington—a daughter.
FOX.—On August 1st, in Cornwall, to Rebecca and James—a daughter (Anna Rachel).
HART.—On August 2nd to Barbara (nee Thomas) and David—a son (David Benjamin).
HUNT.—On August 5th, at St. Bartholomews Hospital, to Florence (nee White) and Bernard—a daughter.
LIDDELL.—On August 3rd, to James and Rachel (De Pree)—a daughter.
MORTIMER.—On August 2nd to Rosemary (nee Martin) and Peter Mortimer—a son (Andrew Harry Fenton), Willow House, 5 Longcroft Avenue, Harpenden, Herts.
PEREIRA.—On July 23rd in London to Caelia (nee Lambert) and Emmanuel Irismar Pereira of Bogota, Colombia—a son (Joaquim Michael).
PRITCHARD.—On August 5th to Jean and Bernard Pritchard—a daughter (Josephine), a half-sister for Kathryn, David and Robert Pritchard, and for Nicholas and James Edelsten.
SMITH.—On August 5, at Queen Charlotte's, to Elise (nee Beckel) and Martin—a daughter (Katherine Elise), a sister for Jeremy James.
SMITH.—On August 6th at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Victoria (nee King) and John—a son, Charles Augustus.
WILKINSON.—On August 5, at Paraf Hospital, Wroughton, to Valerie, wife of Major Ivor Wilkinson—a son.

MARRIAGES

HALL : BOWERBANK.—On August 5th, at Biddestone Church, very quietly, Hedley Hall, F.R.C.S., of Limpley Stoke, to Mary Winifred Bowerbank, of Biddestone, Chippenham.
TUCKER : STANDBROOK.—On 2nd August at Cheltenham, Richard Tucker to Wendy Standbrook.
WAGHORN : WELLS.—On August 5th, quietly in St. Albans, Frank R. Waghorn to Beryl Wells.

RUBY WEDDING

TOWNEND-DYSON : NIGHTINGALE.—On 7th August 1935, in London, Edwin Beattie Townend-Dyson (Squadron Leader R.A.F. retired) and Doris Mary Anne Nightingale. Now at Flat "A", Dolphin Court, Embassy Way, Ta'xbiex, Malta, G.C.

DIAMOND WEDDING

SATOW : MOORE.—[illegible] Ambleside, 1915 [illegible]

DEATHS

BANEY.—On Tuesday, 5th August, 1975, very suddenly, George Thomas Baney, C.B.E. So greatly loved.
BENNETT.—On 5th August, 1975, Thomas Donald (Ron), of Grisis Orchard, High Street, Welford on Avon, Warwickshire, dearly beloved husband of Doreen and dear father of June, Shirley, Carole and sons-in-law Raymond, John and David. Funeral, Robin Hood Crematorium on Monday, 11th August, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Dyson Richards Funeral Home, 467 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, by 9.45 a.m., please.
CUMING.—On August 5th, peacefully in Cheltenham, Lady Beryl Christine, within a few days of her 90th birthday, widow of Sir Herbert Cuming, A.C.I.E., late Judge of the High Court, Calcutta, much loved mother of Harry and his wife Phoebe, grandmother of Christopher and Prudence, great grandmother of Rachel, Nicola and David. Cremation private. Family flowers only.
DAUBENY.—On August 6, peacefully, at home, 26 Chester Square, S.W.1, after a long illness, Sir Peter Daubeny, C.B.E., husband of Molly, father of Nicholas and Caroline. Memorial service to be arranged later.
DOYLE.—On August 5, peacefully, at home, Eric Howard, beloved husband of Frances and father of John, Sheila and David. Funeral private. No flowers.
FEGAN.—On August 4th, peacefully, in hospital, Ethel Sophia Fegan, of 8 Tullybrannigan Road, Newcastle, co Down, in her 99th year. Hon Fellow and former Librarian of Girton College, and sometime Education Officer, N. Nigeria.
HAWKINS.—On August 6th, 1975, peacefully at Howth Hill, Ivinghoe, Leighton Buzzard, Leonard John, aged 94. Funeral service Ivinghoe Parish Church, 12 noon, Saturday, August 9th.
HUTCHISON.—On 6 August, in hospital, after a short illness, Harold Hutchison, Historian and writer. Private cremation. No flowers, but donations if wished to Froxfield Over 60s Club, c/o Helen Hutchison, 17 Cromwell Court, Cromwell Rd., Hove, Sussex.
LANDON.—On 5th August, 1975, at Budleigh Salterton, Norah Rosamond, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palmer Landon. Funeral service at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 8th August, at East Budleigh, followed by cremation at Exeter.
LEGASSICK.—On August 4, peacefully at Alveston House Nursing Home, Leamington Spa, after a long illness, Blanche Pauline dearly beloved mother of Martin. Funeral at Mid Warwickshire Crematorium 12.30 p.m. Fri. Aug. 8. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Parkinson's Disease Research Fund, 81 Queens Rd., SW19 8NR. Memorial service in London, later.
PIRANI.—On August 5, 1975, suddenly, Max Pirani, of 131 Beaufort Mansions, SW3, and until recently of Friends Cottage, Harting, Petersfield, Hants. For 50 years Professor at the Royal Academy of Music, aged 77 years, much loved husband of Lolia and father of Felix and of Gina Alexander. Funeral private. No flowers. A memorial concert will be announced later.
PLOMER.—On Wednesday 6th August, 1975 at The Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, Brigadier Geoffrey Plomer, O.B.E., Indian Army (retired), very dearly loved husband of Maisy, and dear father of Bill, Stephen and Susan. Hurstwood Lodge, Tunbridge Wells. All enquiries to Hickmott and Sons, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells. (Telephone 22462).
SEATON.—On 5 August, peacefully in hospital Edward Lancelot Seaton, of 10 Cole Park Gardens, Twickenham, beloved husband of the late Kathleen May and father of Mary. Cremation will take place at Mortlake Crematorium on 13 August at 3 p.m.
SCHRIER.—On August 2, 1975, suddenly in Winchester, Jack, beloved husband of Heili, father of Steven, grandfather of Gary, Jacqueline, Philip and Kim. Funeral private.
STEBBINGS. Helen Mary.—On August 4th peacefully at Woodcote Grove House, Carshalton, aged 86.
SUNDERLAND.—On August 1st, 1975, suddenly in Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Centre, Los Angeles, U.S.A., Frederick Stephen Sunderland, aged 44 years, of Little Somborne, Forest Lane, Hightown, near Ringwood, Hants, Vice-president and deputy Managing Director, International Division, Max Factor Inc. Dear husband of Elaine, beloved father of Paul and Caroline and eldest son of His Honour Judge Irvon and Mrs. Sunderland, of Edgbaston, Birmingham. Funeral service Saturday, August 9th, 9.30 a.m., at Bournemouth Crematorium, Strouden Avenue, Charminster, Bournemouth. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Boscombe, Bournemouth (0202) 34311.
THACKER.—On August 6th in Penarth, Winifred Marguerite, of Beaconsfield, widow of Dudley Howitt Thacker, mother of Betty, Bert and Bs. Funeral service at Christchurch, Totland Bay on Monday, August 11th at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Orchard Florist, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.
THAIN.—On August 5th, 1975, peacefully, at his home, Baley Green Farm, Warfield, Berks, Captain James Thain. He leaves beloved wife Ruby and daughter Sebuda. Funeral on Monday, 11th August at Warfield Church at 11.30 a.m. Flowers and enquiries to Cyril H. Lovegrove, 4-5 Town Square, Bracknell, Berks.

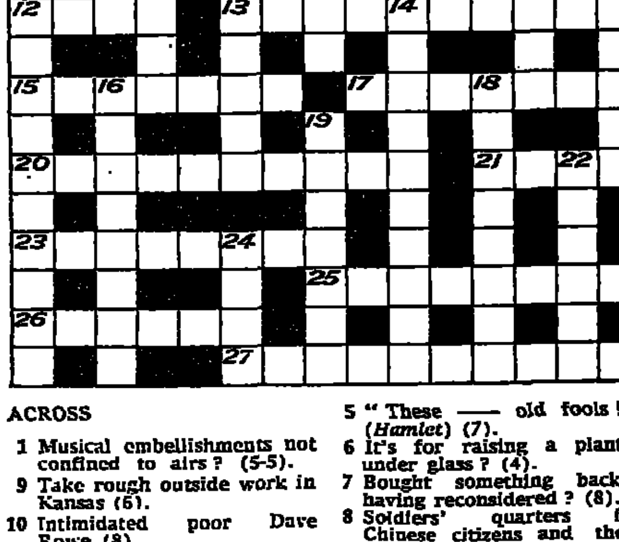
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GIBBONS.—A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr. Gerald Gibbons, O.B.E., will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northamptonshire, on Sunday, September 7th, at 3.30 p.m.

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GRAHAM, JOHN, journalist, husband and father, died Bidart, France, August 7th, 1974.

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ACROSS

1 Musical embellishments not confined to airs? (5-5).
9 Take rough outside work in Kansas (6).
10 Intimidated poor Dave Rowe (8).
11 Threatening one military distinction in ten, perhaps (8).
12 Asian river girl (4).
13 Worker is the one foreign teetotaller? (7-3).
15 Perhaps provide amusement to an old brigand (7).
17 Fraud shows £500 reversal in farm stock (7).
20 Valuation of property entered by Nazi group (10).
21 Root crop—sounds like pulse (4).
23 Growth in some clothing line? (8).
25 Kind of cattle for cooks, Scot concludes (8).
26 Make certain arrangement with students' union before going outside (6).
27 Hateful enough to be barred from international cricket? (10).

DOWN

2 Abuse clergyman and uppish priest (6).
3 Ancient city shows anxiety about Gath settlement (8).
4 Reports carry on about eccentric earl in U.S. city (3, 7).
5 "These —— old fools!" (*Hamlet*) (7).
6 It's for raising a plant—under glass? (4).
7 Bought something back—having reconsidered? (8).
8 Soldiers' quarters for Chinese citizens and their leader (10).
12 Many experts include a Moslem magistrate on five coral islands (10).
14 It warns Don of breakdown in transport (4-6).
16 Suit contains match-box (4, 4).
18 State banks are supplying change (8).
19 Northern centre for meat—something of advantage (7).
22 Necessitate a one pound ten outlay (6).
24 Old parts of village, doubtless (4).

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